

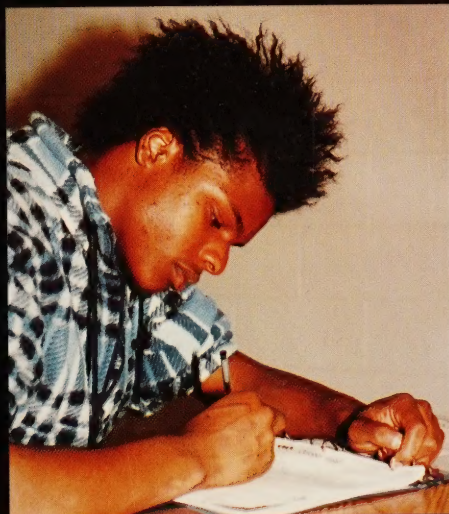
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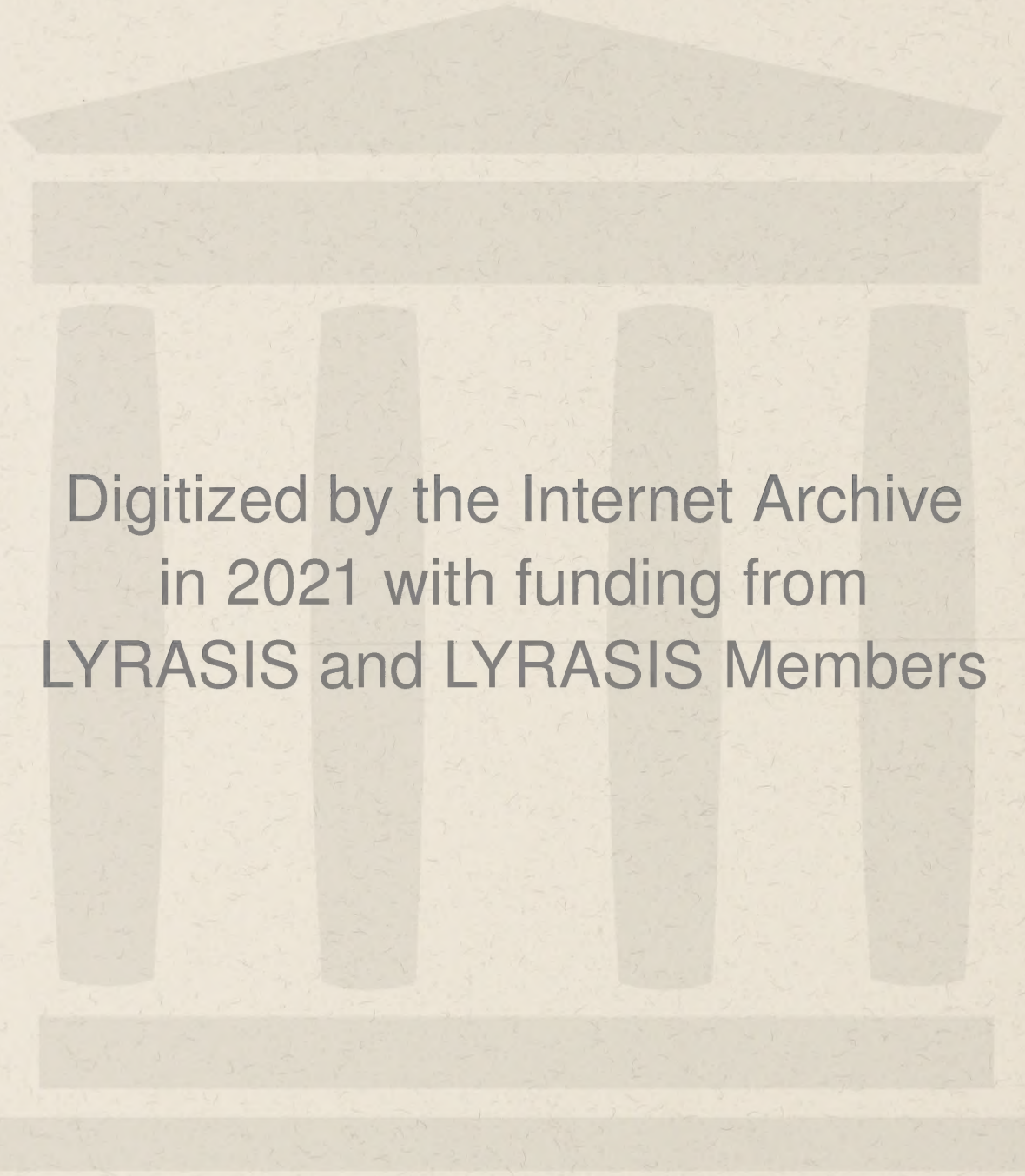
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COVER PHOTOS: Yunian Pee directs the band during an afternoon practice. Photo by Jon Wassink. Cheerleaders hold the sign ready for players to burst through. Photo by Segall-Majestic. Marcus Savoy completes a worksheet during Geometry. Photo by Erica Thomas.

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experience

Strolling down the city streets in Richmond, Cami Thompson, Jenny Connell, and Mary Yancey take a break from a journalism conference at VCU to grab some lunch. "[Getting] food took forever," said Connell. There was a line at Subway that came all the way outside.

Instead of subs, the trio decided on Italian. "We went to this funky little Italian Restaurant and it took us an hour to eat when they told us it would only be about ten minutes," said Thompson.

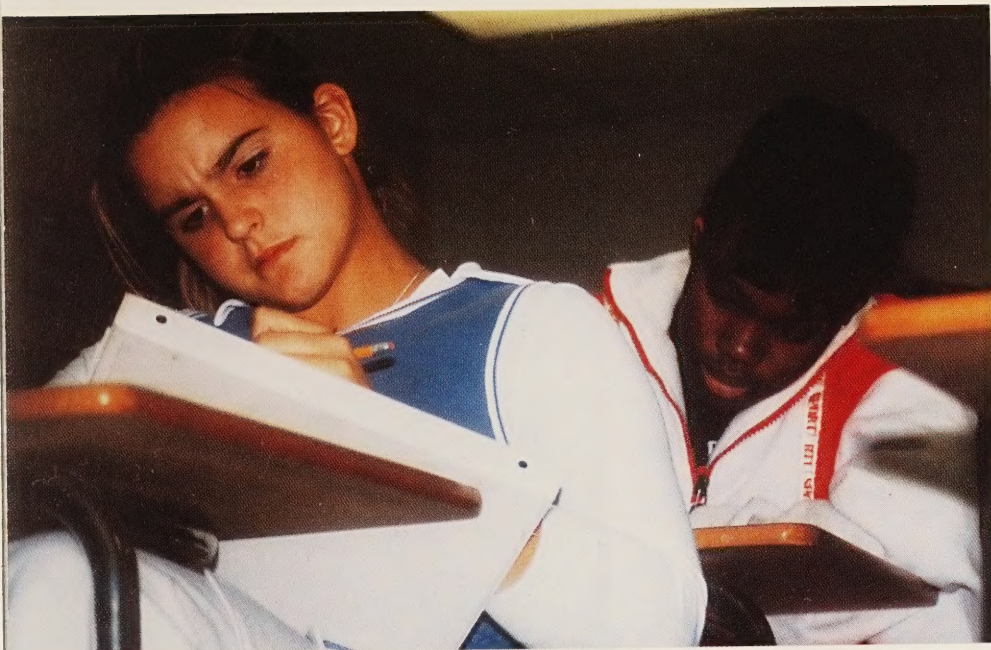
Food, however, wasn't all that was on the girls' minds. "Everywhere we went all the guys were hitting on Mary. She'd just be standing there and the next thing you know they were rolling down their windows and whistling at her," said Connell. "And one guy waited outside the door until Cami came out of the conference just so he could talk to her."

"I wasn't the only one getting looks," added Yancey. "On the way home a car full of guys pulled up beside us and they all stared at Jenny, even the driver. They kept slowing down just to stay next to us, too."

As for the conference itself, students were able to learn more about story writing skills and techniques. "I learned that almost every writer starts off in bad shape," said Yancey, "but we all grow better with experience." *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



High school was sometimes tough, sometimes fun. In a sea of faces it was a place we met and made lifelong friends, where sometimes we just had fun acting silly. We made our mark in classrooms where we honed our minds and on playing fields where we honed our bodies. We performed, volunteered, and became involved in the world. High school was sometimes tough,



in'quiz'tion

Spinning for points during Advanced Biology Monica Nolan and Kyaira Skinner jot down the answer to a selected question during a six-weeks review.

"This was our first one [spin quiz]," Skinner said. "It's sort of like Wheel of Fortune. The class spins an arrow and wherever it lands, you have to answer that number question. There are bonus points and bonus busters."

Advanced Biology Instructor Rick Stottlemeyer said he used the activity to assess student's retention of facts from a review sheet.

"The kids have fun with it," he said. "It's like a game show and it's a good review."

The spinner quiz was both a quiz and a game that students took for a grade. The class took it together as a team, so each student ended up with the same grade.

Slices consisted of things such as bonus points, bonus "busters", and a student-favorite, 'All A's' slice that was very tiny. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*



spirited

An early date, did not provide warmer temperatures for sparsely dressed fans at the Homecoming game. Despite the chill, enthusiastic fans Colt Hagmaier, Colby Goetz, and Laura Wunderlich yell encouragement to the team at the school's first homecoming game.

"There were about 13 or 14 of us that spelled out 'MHS Panthers!' with two sets of paws across our painted chests and stomachs," said Goetz.

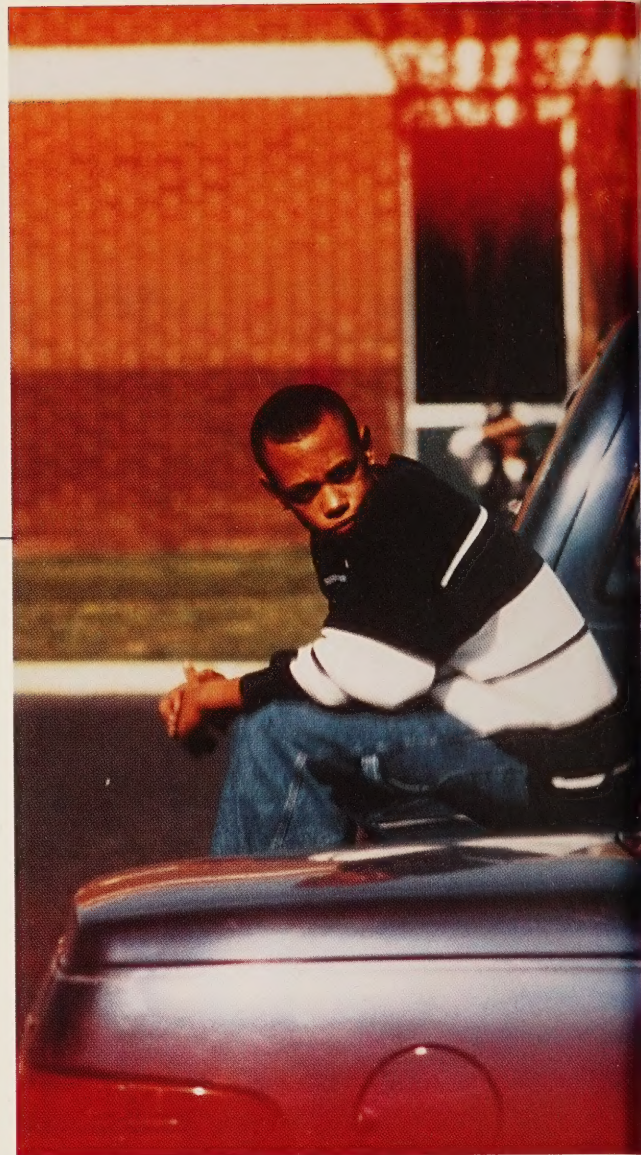
Although messy and extremely cold, the students admitted that they had a great time.

"I love being spirited and making a fool of myself," said Wunderlich, "and what better way to do that than at a football game, especially Homecoming?" *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

sometimes fun. In a thousand different ways, we met, explored and learned those things which allowed us to...

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We made friends, we met our first loves. It was a whole little world of our own. We learned about life and the world we live in. About the people who live in it. We were exposed to all kinds of people. All kinds of races and



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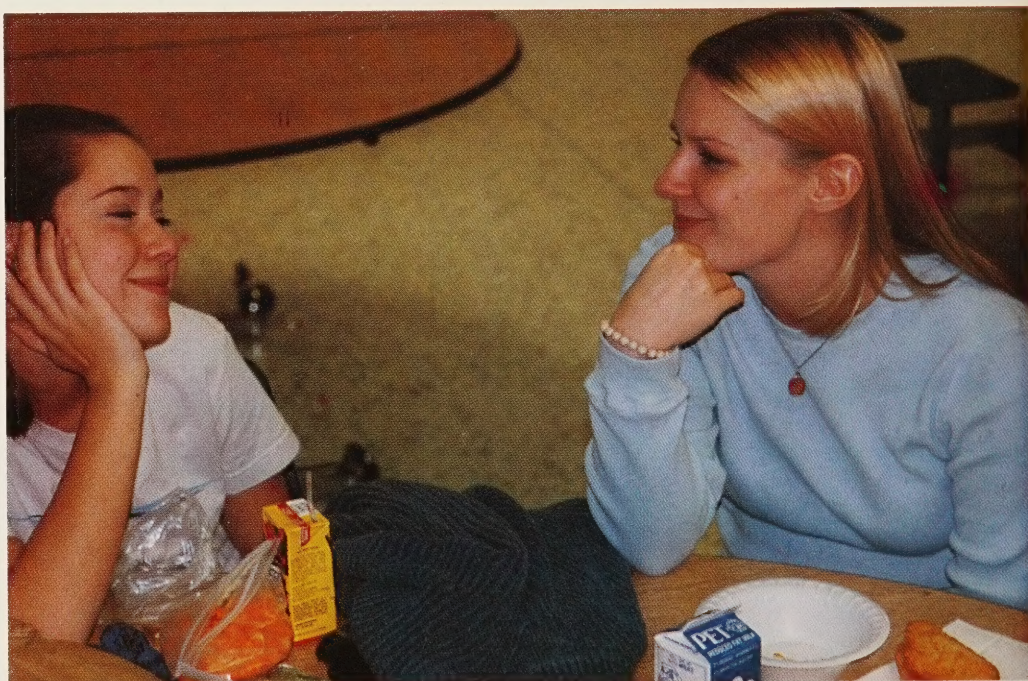
Sharing stories from their morning classes, Alicia Prickett and Amanda Ray enjoy a lunch together.

"This is the only time we can see each other during the day besides at our locker," said Ray, who shares a first-floor locker with Prickett.

With no shared classes, lunch was the only time the girls could keep caught up on each other's lives during the school day.

"We talk about our boyfriends and what's going on in our classes," said Prickett, "and we always have something to say, no matter what, because we barely get to talk to each other. We've known each other for almost six years, since we met in the sixth grade locker room, and we've been best friends ever since."

Photo by Justin Nissley.



bummin'

Patiently waiting for his sister Stefanie, Scotty Holland relaxes on the back of his car, ready to go home after a long day of school.

"I usually have to wait for about ten minutes until she comes out of the school. I just go and talk to my friends while I wait," said Holland.

However, the afternoon wasn't the only time Scotty found himself waiting for Stef.

"She makes me late every single morning because she's always doing her hair and stuff," he added.

Even though he complained, Scotty admitted that he and Stef usually got along – as long as she didn't procrastinate.

"My sister is always bojanglin'!" exclaimed Holland.

Photo by Jon Wassink.

backgrounds. Through shared experiences – the times of our lives – we learned to recognize how we were the same, what made us different and unique.

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jammin'

Sitting behind a borrowed set of drums, Gil Kenner takes a breather and enjoys the beautiful afternoon. Kenner, a member of the band La Cosa Nostra, and fellow band members Chris Deblanc and Matt Smith held jam sessions before several football games.

"It isn't any fun waiting around to be a millionaire," Kenner said of his aspirations for fame and success, "but it sure is worth the wait."

As for the quest to make millions, Kenner was very optimistic. "It won't be long now and we'll be ready to hit the road."

That road, will hopefully be the road to success. The band played a blues-rock style of music and was founded in 1997 by Kenner and Deblanc, a student at nearby Courtland High School. Smith joined in July of 1999. Music was always a hobby for Kenner and Smith and Kenner began playing in bands during middle school. Smith, bass guitarist, began his music career as a freshman.

All three members enjoyed the opportunity to play that the Homecoming tailgate party provided. Smith even volunteered to explain why Kenner had to borrow drums when he owned his own set.

"All we had to get there [the school] was a Nissan Sentra and a Ford Festiva, so needless to say, there was no room to haul the drums to the game and still have room for the amps and p.a."

Photo by Nick Barksdale.

skyhigh

In Paris on a family vacation, Cami Thompson poses in front of Eiffel Tower. "Going to the top of the tower was one of the neatest things because you could see the whole city from up there," said Thompson. *Photo by Joe Thompson.*

chillin'

Tailgating at a Dave Matthews Band concert in August, James Blackburn and Eric Myers stretch out on the back of the car. "It was my first concert. It was awesome," said Blackburn. *Photo by Katherine Blackburn.*

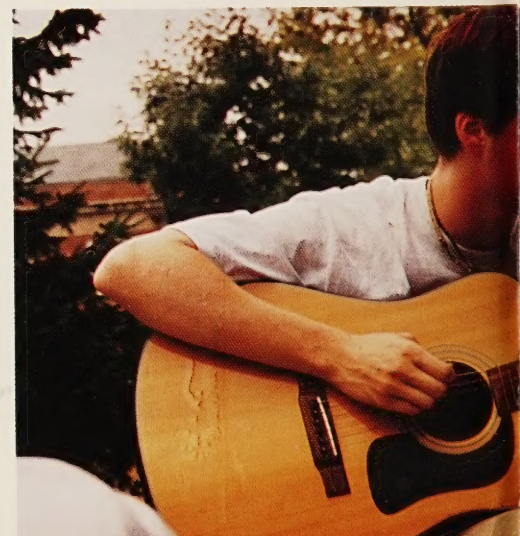


helpful

During a three-week trip to inner-city Los Angeles, Ashley Ferren poses with some of her children. Ferren and other student volunteers taught various activities to some of the city's underprivileged youth. "The kids were so attentive to everything we had to say, and they were so sweet. I didn't want to go home," said Ferren. *Photo by Jennifer Reyes.*

skillful

While waiting for his ride home from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, Matt Smith uses the time to practice his guitar. In July, Smith spent five days in a section editors class improving his yearbook skills. He was among more than 700 other high school students who attended the workshop. He was joined by three additional members of the yearbook staff. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*





sightseeing

On a summer sightseeing trip French summer exchange student Emmanuel Giet, Nikki Ferren and her brother Steve Ferren stopped at the White House in Washington, D.C. "We all enjoyed touring D.C. but it would have been a lot more fun if it wouldn't have been so extremely hot," said Nikki Ferren. Photo by Donna Ferren.

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More Than a Party on the Beach

"It was kind of disgusting."

For some students, summer vacation meant a lot more than sleeping in, beach trips, and parties. Much of the three-month break was spent working or getting in shape for a fall sport.

Radio station Q96 was the place to earn some extra cash, for **Chip Clark** who spent the summer working as a switch board operator.

Clark was not the only one busy working.

"I worked a whole lot this summer," said **Grace Santiago** of her job at Giant. "I spent about five to eight hours a day five days a week at my job."

Some students even worked two jobs. **A.J. Lee** worked both at Rugged Wearhouse and Chuck E. Cheese's.

"It was very hard holding

down both jobs at the same time," said Lee, who also began cross-country practice in August. "I had [cross-country] practice from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and then had to go to work. If both jobs asked me to work the same day, I'd pick whichever one was least likely to fire me."

While working was hard for some, **James Blackburn** said his job at Lee's Hill Golf Course was both easy and fun. He sometimes was even able to play golf for no extra charge. Blackburn, Clark, and **Jason Bonner** started practicing for the school golf team on August 3 and played every Monday through Thursday until school began.

"My vacation was pretty good," Bonner said. "I played golf almost all summer long."

Cheerleading also held summer practice. Some squad members attended camp.

Varsity member **Alicia Prickett** spent time away from practice working as a baby-sitter. The job required more effort and patience than she had expected.

"My worst experience came when I tried to potty train one toddler and it didn't work very well. It was kind of disgusting," Prickett said.

"It is really tiring to get up in the morning and go to work everyday," said **Justin Peabody**, "but it's definitely worth it once you have some cash in your pocket."

by Randall Pierce

show and tell

LANCE HARVEY



"My summer was pretty much just going to the beach, partying and having fun. I did have a job though, at Danny's Pizza, but I didn't like it at all. I went to Florida with my mom and aunt, but I got to take my girlfriend to Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach, which was a lot of fun. In Virginia Beach we went to a Phish concert that I go to every year. It was awesome. And that was basically my summer."

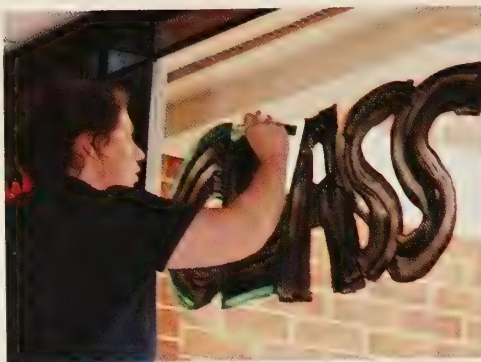
ELIZABETH SABU



"Getting a job at Toy's R Us was the highlight of my summer. It was my first paying job. My parents began treating me like I was a responsible person. I was glad because I finally had money of my own. My favorite part of working at Toy's R Us was the casual atmosphere."

classy

Marking the territory for the Class of 2000, Shannon Lally joins her fellow seniors to decorate the windows outside the courtyard. Photo by Stevi Antosh.



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It Comes with the Territory

"We could do with more stuff"

AT 2:28 P.M. EACH DAY, SENIORS LEFT THEIR SEVENTH PERIOD CLASSES, TWO MINUTES BEFORE THE DISMISSAL BELL. THE 'PRIVILEGE' BEGAN DURING THE THIRD SIX WEEKS AND BROUGHT MIXED REACTIONS FROM THE CLASS.

"I leave early every day anyway," said Ashley Grant, "so seventh period doesn't concern me."

Ryan Coleman agreed that the change didn't seem to be much of a 'privilege.'

Most seniors enjoyed being able to leave for lunch early, but many felt it wasn't enough.

"Getting out early for lunch is cool, but it's two minutes," Grant said. "What's the deal?"

"There aren't that many posi-

tive things about being a senior," Coleman said. "When my Dad was in school, seniors got to cut in the lunch line and they could leave school and go to lunch."

That privilege appealed to others.

"I would like it if we had an hour for lunch so we could leave and come back," said Christina Colley.

"We could do with more stuff," Nick Barksdale agreed.

And while some of Barksdale's wishes were unrealistic, such as his desire that seniors only have to attend school every other day, others were more reality based.

"I want one of those big lockers," he said. "Every senior should get one of those."

Not everyone was dissatisfied with what they had.

"I think the ones we have now [senior privileges] are pretty cool," said Jon Wassink. "There are other schools in the county that don't have them. And while two minutes may not be that much time, it comes in handy for me."

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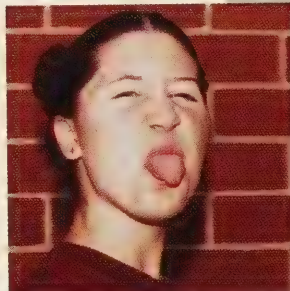
ELIZABETH ERNDLE



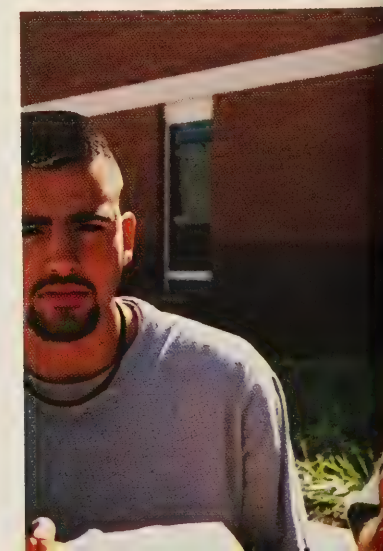
"I think what we have is pretty good as far as our privileges go. I like all the privileges that we already have here. The only other thing I

can think of that we could have for a senior privilege is being able to leave the school grounds and eat out during our lunch shifts."

JEANNIE PAYNE



"I can't think of any other [privileges] we would want. We get out of class early. We get to eat outside. We get exempt from our exams if we have good grades. The only other privilege would be not coming to school at all. I think Mr. Rodkey has done a pretty good job with our privileges. Just being a senior is the best privilege of all."





artistic

Showing off their artistic abilities, Jonathan Thomas and Keith Parker work on painting the "pride" in "panther pride", while at the same time marking their territory for the year. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

seniority

Wasting time during lunch, Jacque Messeder and Katie Buckley relax in the Senior Territory, conversing with friends while avoiding underclassmen. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



hungry

Taking full advantage of their senior status, Pete Servel and Glenn Sturtevant enjoy a mid-day meal in the senior courtyard. Warm weather outside usually made for a lunch atmosphere better than the cafeteria, as *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

territory

Teetering on the edge of a ladder while balancing paint in her hand, Becca Richards paints the glass outside of the Senior Territory, a place where the seniors can call completely their own. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

GLEN DAVIS

"Like a lot of other people, Camo Day was my favorite. I have a lot of it, so it was an easy theme for me. I also participated in School Spirit Day. I wore my Massaponax football shirt for that. The pep rally was pretty cool too. My favorite part was yelling at the freshman."



STEVEN SISSON

"I dressed up for camouflage day because I have a lot of it in my closet. I like to hunt, so naturally I have lots of camo. I think we should have a hat day next year though. Any other time we would get in trouble for wearing hats. Why not let us once a year?"



JASON DEMPSEY

"The whole point of Spirit Week is about having fun and I like having fun. Character Day was my favorite day because I was wearing my dad's



2000 dollar, authentic dress blues of the Marines. The pep rally also put everyone in a good mood. I think we should have more of them."

spirited

Looking in the mirror, Hunter Nolan checks to see if his face paint and wig are positioned correctly. Photo by Jon Wassink.



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Showing True Colors

"We decorated our faces and down our arms with body paint"

THERE WERE TWINS AND FAIRY TALE CHARACTERS AND FACES PAINTED BLACK AND TEAL. SPIRIT WEEK CHALLENGED THE MIND AND GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO PROVE THEIR SPIRIT.

"I dressed up for Twin day and Hawaiian day," said **Kelvin Jones**. "Since **Ian [Kaila]** and I have the same soccer stuff, we both dressed alike as 'twins.'"

Participation was lowest on Character Day, but Camouflage and Hawaiian Day met with strong support.

"I'm a beach kind of girl and Hawaiian Day made me think more of the summer, especially the beach, where I would like to be surfing," said **Holly Slavin**.

"Camo Day was fun, and it was also an original idea," said **Jennifer Greenfield**. "It was fun to walk around the halls and pretend that we were in the army and

stealthily walk around the halls."

At Friday's seventh period Pep Rally teal and black was in evidence everywhere.

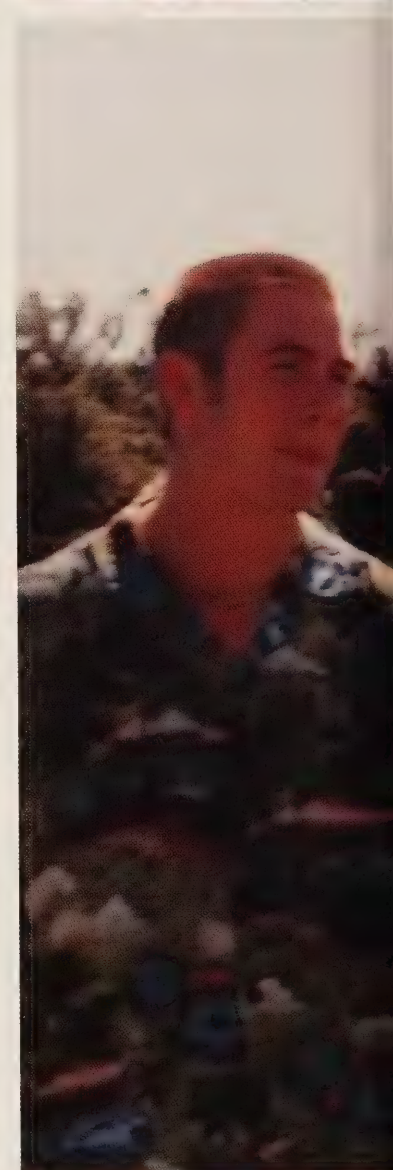
"I liked Spirit Day the best because I got a chance to show my support for our awesome field hockey team. We got together and wore our hockey shirts and we decorated our faces and down our arms with body paint," said **Laura Wunderlich**.

Even new students got into the act.

Transfer student **Hunter Nolan** donned a black wig, black and white paint on his face, and wore a teal shirt.

"I love doing this kind of stuff," Nolan said. "It allows me to show my crazy side and my school spirit all at once."

by Allison Sapp





fatigued

In between classes, Holly Slavin and Christen Duchemin pose with piggy-backer Marie Brown carried by Denise Machonis. The crew joined many of their friends on camouflage day by dressing in military fatigues. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

eeeyore

Standing outside her classroom, Miss Fisher welcomes her students to class dressed up for favorite character day. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*



duplicates

David Newton waits while his look-alike Ryan Evans opens his locker. David and Ryan were dressed a like for Twin day during spirit week. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*



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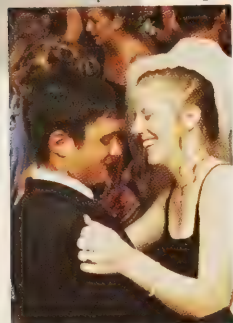
When friends Natalie Nielsen and Josephine De dressed for character day, Nielsen was Marilyn Monroe while De became a Pokemon character. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*

aloha

Dressed in their Hawaiian shirts students Devin Wright, Amanda Ray and Cliff Campbell chat during a fire drill. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

BRANDILYN SIMPSON

"Homecoming was an amazing night. It was the perfect evening with a perfect gentleman (her



date and dance partner, senior Jeremy Colwell) that made my senior homecoming the best ever."

TANISHA MONTAGUE

"On Homecoming Night at Massaponax I was able to meet new people and I also got to learn how to appreciate all different types of music. Over all though, Homecoming was bangin'." (also pictured, sophomore Allyson Burnes.)



A Night to Remember

"It could have been a lot worse"

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT. THE STARS HUNG OVER THE CROWD OF PEOPLE WAITING TO ENTER THE SCHOOL, LIKE LITTLE DANCING BEADS, DECORATING THE SKY. THE EXCITEMENT THAT FLOATED AROUND THE AIR WAS CONTAGIOUS.

It was the beginning to the perfect night, or so it seemed. For some, however, the night had already contained a few unexpected twists.

"I never would have expected my night to turn out the way it did. The excitement came before we even got to the dance," said **Cole Eller**.

Eller's day had gone fairly well. He picked up his date's, Laura Johnson's, corsage, bought all the food he needed to make dinner that night, and put on his suit.

About 6:00 p.m., he began cooking the dinner which turned out perfectly. He put that aside and began cooking the dessert. As he put the dessert into the simmering pan, things began to go awry. Before he knew it, fire shot from the stove and his tie caught fire.

Eller frantically ran around the kitchen, looking for some way to put it out. He threw himself towards the sink, turned on the water and quickly doused his tie.

Thankfully, Eller was fine. Though he hadn't noticed it at the time, Eller burnt part of his eyebrow when the fire blazed. Still he was philosophical.

"It could have been a lot worse," Eller said. "I was just happy that I was okay and that I still went to homecoming and ended up having a great time. I even finished cooking the dessert and everyone loved it."

Eller said he did have to change his tie, but he was happy that he and his friends could look back and laugh about it.

by Casey O'Donnell



charming

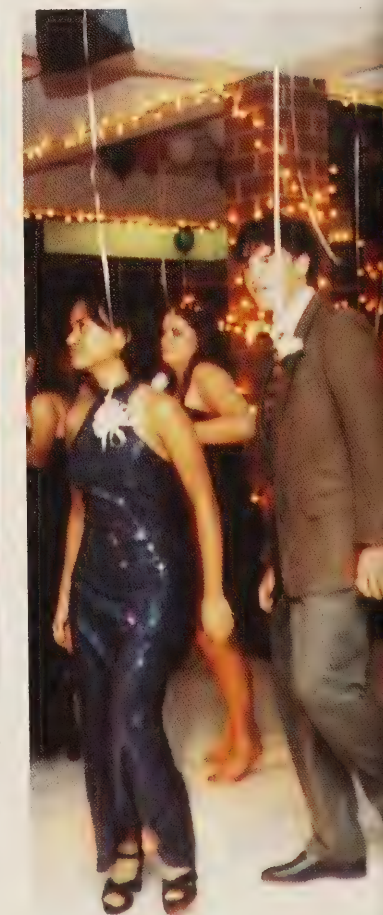
With wide grins, the homecoming Princess and Prince, Grace Santiago and J.P. Yurgel, respectively, received applause from the crowd as they strolled down the student-formed center isle. Photo by Segall Majestic.

AMANDA HANSON

"Homecoming is a time to remember. To have a moment frozen in time is special and you will be able



to look back on [that moment] for years and years to come." (pictured with her date, sophomore Kyle Norwood).





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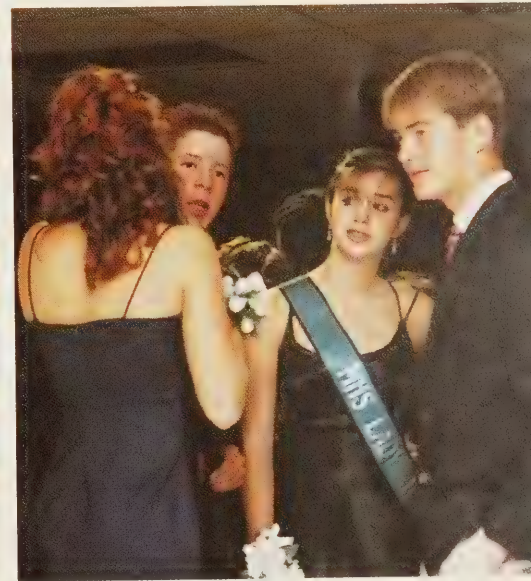
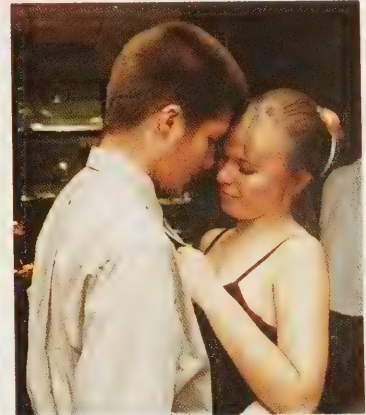
Kelvin Jones and Shannon Duchemin take a break from dancing to smile for the camera, after being crowned homecoming king and queen.

Photo by Segall-Majestic.

peaceful

During those rare and few quiet moments, couples always tried to get a slow dance in. It was hard to snag any quiet time at the dance.

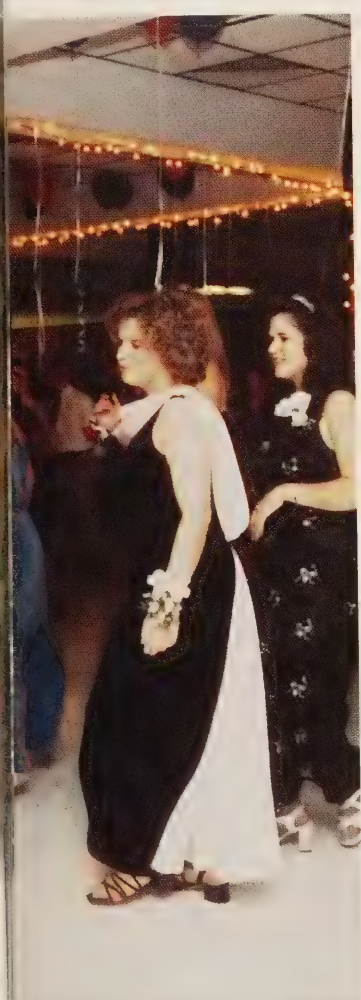
Photo by Segall-Majestic.



social

Angel Santiago and Tara Layman, the lord and lady, respectively, take time out from the dance floor to share a conversation with their peers.

Photo by Segall Majestic.



electric

Usually a hit at any dance, the Electric Slide allowed for students to cut loose on the dance floor. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

regal

Allyson Burnes and Steven Knight, crowned Duchess and Duke, respectively, come forth to represent their sophomore class at the dance. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

PHILIP SEIDMAN

"'Charlie Brown' was an interesting production. Since I had not worked tech (sound board) in several years, I quickly remembered how stressful it could be. However after re-experiencing the technical aspect of theatre



I feel I have become a more well-rounded actor. The best part about working sound was being able to listen and talk to the actors back in the dressing rooms."

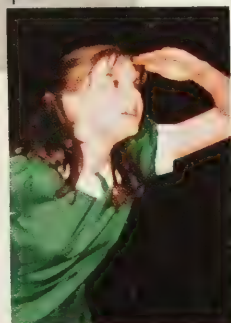
AUDRA ROJEK

"[Doing the play] was a lot of fun because I was able to see and hang out with my friends. I really thought that the costumes were colorful and fun to wear. I liked the fact that it was a good show for children as well as adults. My favorite scene was 'The Book Report' because Snoopy and the woodstocks got to be Robin Hood."



LAURA NELSON

"The most memorable part of the play was when David Watson nearly pushed me off the stage. He pushed



into me, making me almost fall off. It was by total accident, but it scared me a lot. The worst part of the whole thing was that it happened on opening night."

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Snoopy On Stage

"Learning to be depressed took a lot of energy out of me."

OVER THE THREE DAYS, MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE PACKED THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FLOCKING TO SEE THE FIRST OF THE SCHOOL'S THEATER PRODUCTIONS, *YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN*.

The play was a delight, according to audience members.

"I wanted to choose a play that would be memorable to the seniors and happiness is graduating," said drama instructor and play director Mrs. Kemp.

The cast was made up of five seniors, three sophomores, and one freshman.

"It was a stretch for me to play Charlie Brown because I usually have a comedic role. Learning to be depressed took a lot of energy out of me," said **Charlie Coleman**.

"I originally wanted the part

of Snoopy, but now I am glad that I had the opportunity to play someone opposite of me, the character Linus," said **David Watson**.

The show was a huge success and not just because of the talented actors on stage.

"The play was a success because we had a talented cast and everyone worked well with one another," said **Michael Toner** assistant stage manager.

The cast received a standing ovation following each performance.

by Jennifer Saemann



rehearsal

Underneath the stage, the pit, Mr. Pellegrin rehearses the musical section of the play with the pianist, Gina Pee and her sister, Younah Pee, who played the flute.





snoop-dog

On center stage, Jonathan Eastridge, playing a man's best friend, Snoopy, confronts the woodstock, Audra Rojek under the spot light, during the song "The Book Report."

aviator

Playing the loveable part of Snoopy, Jonathan Eastridge, during this scene is trying to find the Red Baron, a favorite song in the play.



woodstock

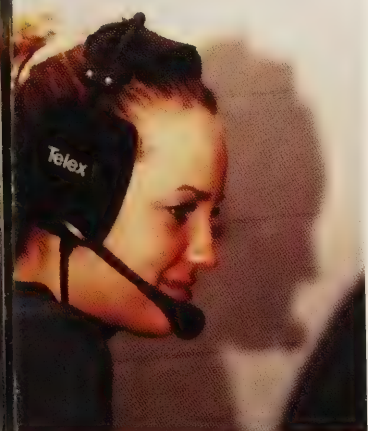
One of the highlights of the play, three woodstocks, Jeanie Payne, Audra Rojek, and Amelia Fugee, sit around rehearsal waiting for instructions from the director, Mrs. Kemp.

managing

Behind the scenes, stage manager Jennifer Saemann, answers Brian Grey's, the spotlight technician, question about the show. They are watching and perfecting the play.

peanuts

Doing the opening song, the cast, Jeanie Payne, Audra Rojek, Amelia Fugee, Jonathan Eastridge, David Watson, Charlie Coleman, Jorden Robinson, Chauntee Schuler, and Laura Nelson, show enthusiasm and excitement under the spotlight.



recognized

Standing proudly after their names have been called, sophomores Jenny Nielsen and Matt Herbek are recognized for obtaining a Grade Point Average of 4.0. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*

medalist

After giving a motivational speech during the Academic Awards Ceremony, gold medalist swimmer Jeff Rouse applauds the letter recipients. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*



attentive

Listening to Jeff Rouse give his motivational speech, Angela Stone and Rob Basso sit and wait until they will receive their academic letters. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

crowded

Trying to squeeze her way past fellow students and get to her seat, Allison Grau laughs at the trouble she is having while trying to step over others' feet and bookbags. "The assembly was pretty cool, Jeff Rouse really motivated me," Grau said. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*





patient

Waiting patiently before the commencing of the assembly, Jacque Messeder and Chauntee Schuler pass the time by looking over a handful of photographs. Photo by Justin Nissley.

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Awarded with an Olyrnipic Touch

"I hope I can get through with that 'easy speed' "

AHUSH DESCENDED SLOWLY ON THE GYM AS PRINCIPAL JOE RODKEY TOOK THE PODIUM. ARRAYED BEHIND HIM WERE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST.

Faces became attentive as he introduced the guest speaker, Jeff Rouse a graduate of nearby Stafford High School. A swimmer, Rouse earned his medals during the 1992 and 1996 Summer Olympics.

He had come to speak to the students about success and the hard work that it takes to achieve it.

Rouse was a appropriate choice as the guest speaker of the annual Academic Awards Ceremony.

"His speech was inspiring and I hope that I can get through school with the 'easy speed' that took him to the Olympics," said

Keith Parker. Parker, a swimmer himself, has earned an Academic Letter for every year he attended high school.

A change this year was the shift to a morning rather than an evening ceremony. This year all students were able to attend.

"I think that the ceremony was held during school hours this year to encourage all the students to strive to excel academically," said **Elita Walker** who has also earned the award each of her years in high school.

"I don't really need such recognition to know I'm a good student," said **Monica Chan**, "but it looks nice on a black

leather jacket."

Students with a G.P.A. from 3.5 to 3.9 were recognized, then students with a G.P.A. of 4.0 or higher received special recognition.

Younah Pee and **Jonathan Thomas** were recognized by Mr. Rodkey. Pee was a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Program and Thomas was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist.

"It was really exciting being recognized for the hard work... I think having the whole school watch us really helped motivate some of the underclassmen to work harder and strive to become better at their academics," said **Jacque Messeder**.

by Becca Richards

show and tell

KEVIN KANARY



"Overall I thought the Awards Ceremony went well. It was the only one I have attended. However I would have much rather walked across a stage to receive my letter, instead of just standing to be recognized."

STACY TERREL



"I really enjoyed the fact that the Academic Awards Ceremony was held during school hours. That way, the whole student body was able to see what they are striving to achieve."

champions

The sophomore powder puff players huddle up before running a play at practice. They won this year's title by beating last year's champs, the seniors. *Photo by Adam Conner.*

flattened

Being careful not to crush her opponent, K.C. Cowser hurdles over Shana Romano as their teammates try to elude the play. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



blocked

Clearing the way for her other members of her team, senior Latoya Howard applies a strong block to sophomore team member Rachel Stapp. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



agility

What would a powder puff game be without the cheerleaders? During a practice, Derek Smith, Buddy Rogers, Rick Norman, and Jon Wassink work on flipping Seth Myers and Jay Morris over their arms. *Photo by Adam Conner.*

seniority

Lending his football expertise to members of the senior powder puff team, Mr. Cooley works on game strategies with Shannon Lucas, Natalie Nielsen, and Lindsey Harmon. Cooley and the girls practiced their plays in the open field by the courtyard. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



Huffin', Puffin', & Blowin' 'ern Out

"It would have been better if we could tackle"

THERE WAS ONE GOAL ON EVERY GIRL'S MIND WHO TOOK THE FIELD ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 12. TO WIN THE SECOND ANNUAL POWDER PUFF CLASSIC. THE LADIES HAD LOOKS OF DETERMINATION IN THEIR EYES AND SIGNS OF SPIRIT EVERYWHERE

Their shirts were decorated, their faces were painted, and the cheerleaders were ready for an evening of role-reversed football.

"Our class had never lost a Powder Puff game and we were not going to let it happen our senior year. We were going to win," commented **Shannon Duchemin**.

The first match of the evening pitted the freshman against the sophomores. The freshman gave it their best in their powder puff debut, but they just couldn't stop the sophomores. The Class of 2002 won the game 27-0.

"The sophomores were really aggressive. They dominated

most of the game," said freshman team member **Stacy Potter**.

For the next matchup, the juniors took the field, ready to play a determined seniors team. Determined they were as the seniors scored first and set the pace for the evening. The juniors could only manage one score against the Class of 2000.

"We had a lot of really good plays, but the seniors were really fired up to win. We will be champs next year," said an optimistic **Kelly Romine**. The final score was 21-9.

Finally it was time for the main event. The seniors and

sophomores squared off in the Powder Puff title game. The sophomores wasted no time getting on the board via an early touchdown. However the seniors marched right back and evened things up.

Even with a high energy and spirit level, the seniors surrendered the only other score of the game. With that score the sophomores secured a 14-6 win and the powder puff crown.

"I enjoyed the Powder Puff Games a lot, especially because we finally beat the seniors," said **Sommer Wells**, member of the winning sophomore team. "It would have been better if we could tackle, though."

by *Allison Sapp and
Jenn Saemann*

show and tell

SHERI CULPEPPER

"I liked how the girls got to be the guys for the day and that the guys got to see how it is to be a cheerleader. I didn't like that we lost every game but I'm glad that at least the sophomores did because a lot of them are my good friends."



masculine

Each year many outgoing and dedicated males sign up to play the role of cheerleader and show off their spirit. This year Seth Myers, Chip Clark, and Jon Wassink all got in on the cross-dressing act. Photo by *Jazmine Alcazar*.

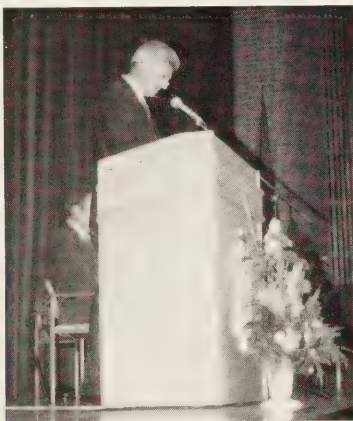
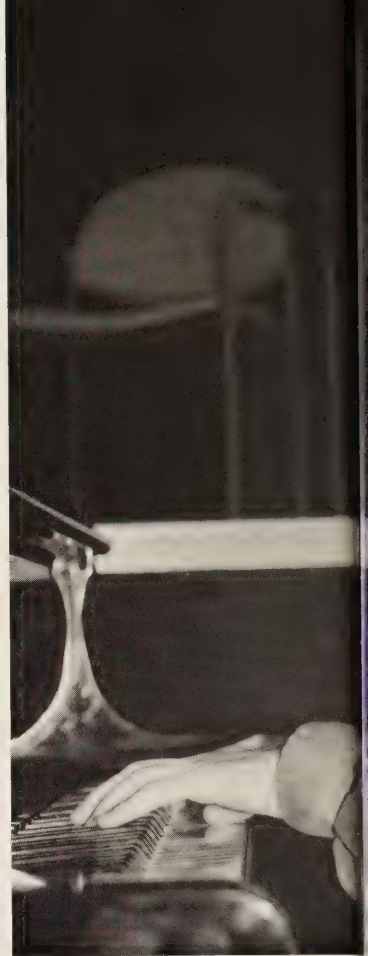
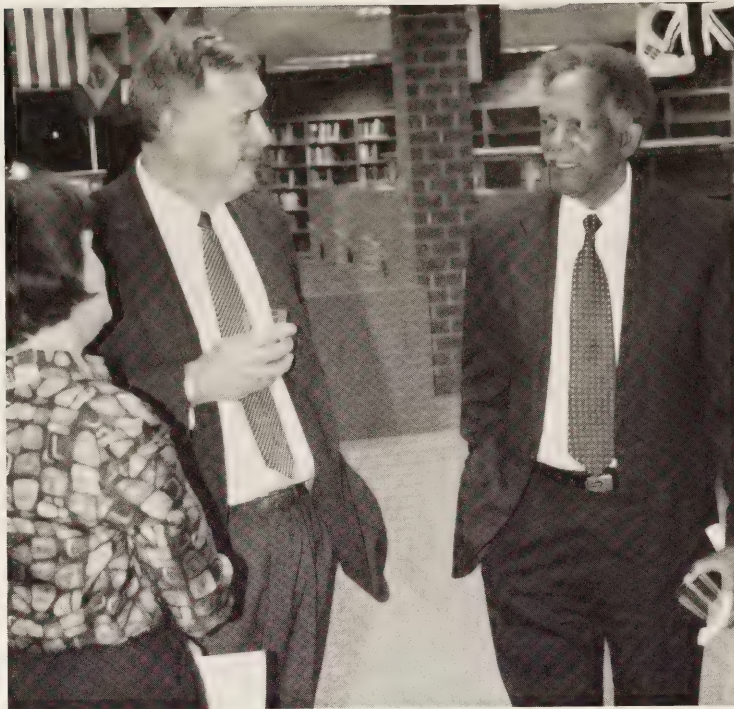


booked

After getting a little punch to drink, K.C. Cowser's parents, Charles and Susan, hold a conversation with a member of the NAACP in the newly titled James Farmer Library. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.

refreshed

Proportioning out slices of cake, Letitia Bowler prepares the dessert for post-assembly refreshments. The cake was decorated appropriately for the occasion. Photo by Erica Thomas.



insightful

Addressing the audience, guest Ronnie Acors, a former member of the Board of Supervisors, shares his words and insights during the opening ceremony. Photo by Erica Thomas.

dedicated

Applauding, guests Duane Kay, Venita McCall, and Brenda Sloan wait patiently for their turn to speak. The three were guest speakers at the ceremony and shared their stories of James Farmer. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.





beethoven

Playing prior to the beginning of ceremonies, Daniel Brown provides musical background for the audience via the piano. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.

socializing

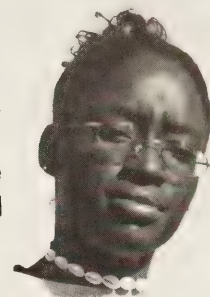
After the assembly was over, Elita Walker and Miss Jones chat with assistant superintendent John Winston in the commons area. Photo by Erica Thomas.



show and tell

ELITA WALKER

"Mr. Rodkey asked me to come to say the pledge of allegiance and open up the ceremony. The ceremony was alright but I felt the community should have shown more concern and made an effort to come. There weren't a lot of people there and those who were stood around and drank punch."



Show Your Face

Library Dedicated to Farmer

"A room without books is like a body without a soul"
-Marcus T. Cicero-

HIS NAME SYMBOLIZED PEACE, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY. HE WAS ONE OF THE 'BIG FOUR' CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS DURING THE 1960'S. ALONG WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ROY WILKINS OF THE NAACP AND WHITNEY YOUNG OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, DR. JAMES FARMER HELPED INITIATE THE DESEGREGATION OF THE COUNTRY.

"No one understood creating a better world for the future more than James Farmer," said Reverend Duane Kay at the dedication ceremony which dedicated the school library to James Farmer on Nov. 21, 1999.

"It was fitting that the area schools honor him," said administrator Dr. Bill Childs.

Three guest speakers were present to share their stories of Farmer. Kay, Venitta McCall, an employee at Mary Washington College and Brenda Sloan, a friend of Farmer's, conveyed their appreciation for Farmer's achievements.

"What better way to have just a small part of making a legacy continue," McCall said of the dedication.

She continued with the description of the Latin root, *lib*, which means freedom. The man who struggled to achieve equality and integration peacefully, who loved to read, is now memorialized forever in a library, she said.

Sloan described Farmer as a hard worker, whom she respected and revered. She spent hours listening to Farmer share stories of his activities, from organizing the nation's first sit-

in in Chicago in 1942, to tales of his teaching days at Mary Washington College from 1985 to 1998. Sloan worked with Farmer when President Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998.

"He came through the back door, so I could come through the front door," said Sloan.

Kay, one of the original James Farmer scholars when the legacy began in 1987, added he believes the name of the group signifies dignity, courage, strength and inspiration; that the group bears not only Farmer's name, but also his spirit.

by Jenny Connell

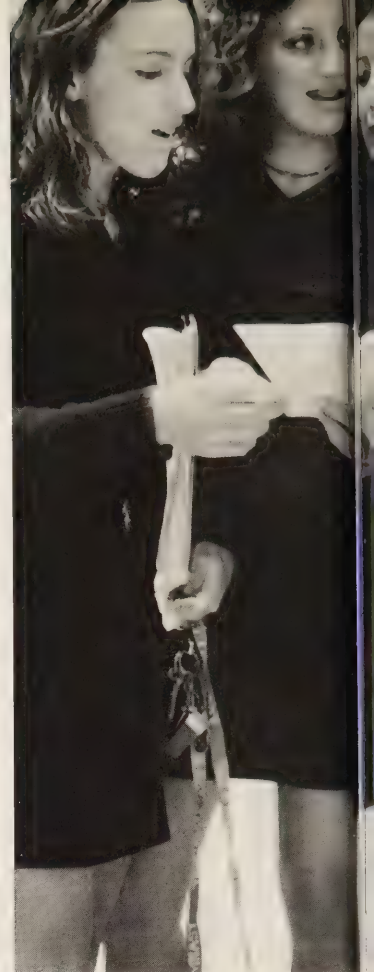
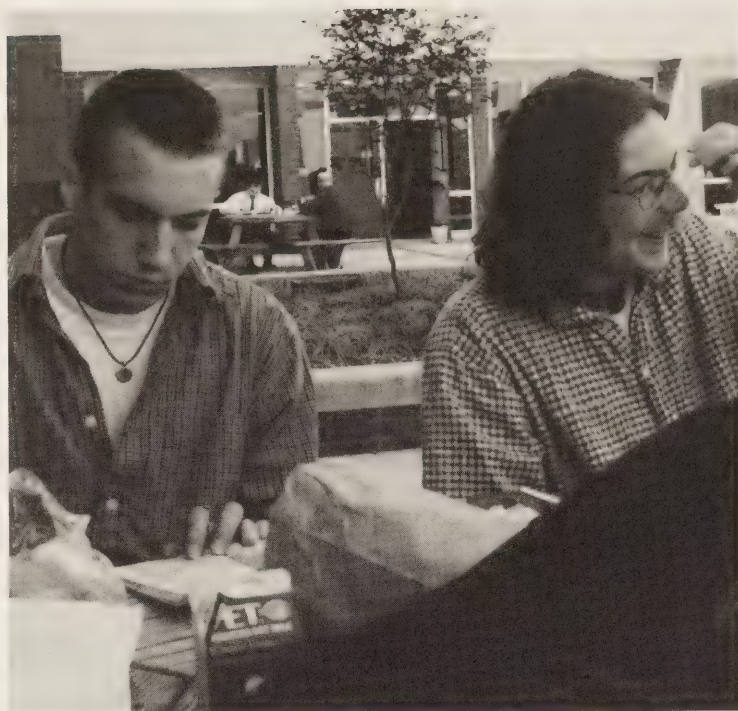
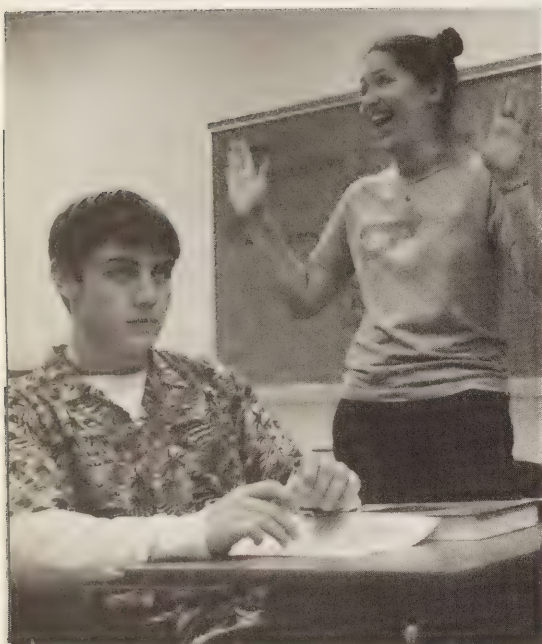


plaid

Decked out in button down shirts over white t-shirts, DeWayne Ovard and Gil Kenner enjoy their lunch and a break from a busy school day. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

seasonal

Rolling his eyes to the top of his head, a Hawaiian-themed Cliff Campbell listens to inspiring words from Jeannie Payne. Hawaiian shirts were worn in all kinds of weather. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

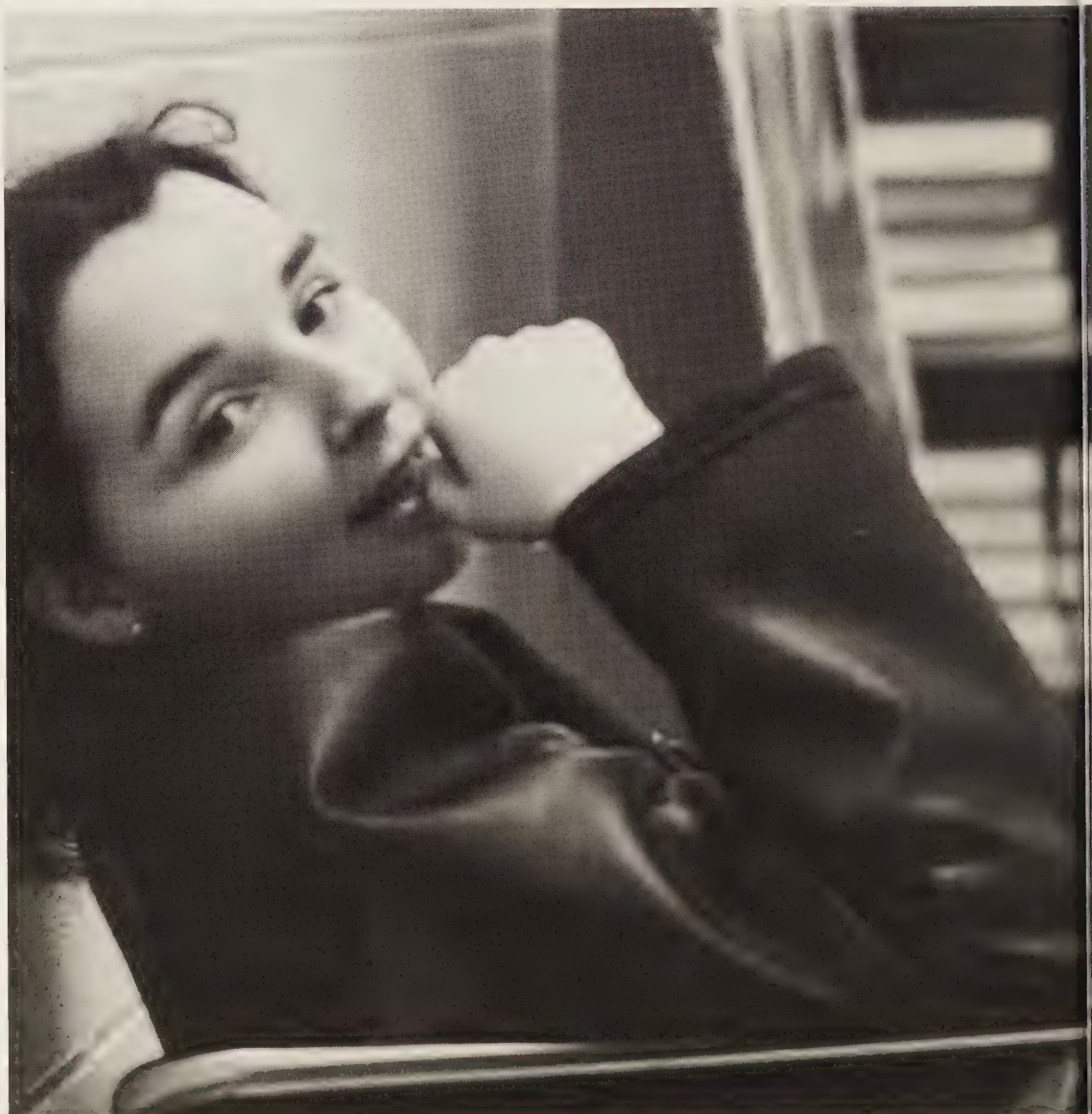


invested

Chilling in the auditorium before an assembly, Aljerome Vincent looks over at another friend. Vincent had bleached hair and a cargo vest, two of this year's trends. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*

leather

Sitting in class dressed in her leather jacket, Amanda Bingman glances at a curious photographer. Leather was popular among many students this year. *Photo by Mary Benton.*





quartet

Dressed all alike in purple shirts and black skirts, good friends Kerri White, Kathy Ovard, Grace Santiago, and Carmen Rios look over a packet of information on sign language. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

colorful

Showing off his newly dyed red hair, Mark Templeman spends his lunch break with Lance Harvey. Harvey later dyed his hair blue to nicely contrast his friend's. Photo by Meghan O'Brien.



show and tell

AGEE SHOWERS

"I styled my hair like that because I saw the same design on the television and I wanted my hair to look the same way. My younger sister Nicole is the one who did my hair for me. She is a freshman here."



Show Your Face

This Year's Not Going Out of Style

"I've got seven piercings and I'm not done yet"

CURRENT STYLES AND PREFERENCES THIS YEAR WERE MUCH LIKE LAST YEAR'S. THIS YEAR'S LIST: FRAYED SHORTS AND PANTS, FLARED JEANS, PRE-WASHED LONG AND SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS, DEMOLISHED JEANS, AND THE RETURN OF BELL-BOTTOMS AND CARGO POCKETS. POCKETS WERE IN, IN A BIG WAY.

"Cargo pockets are applied to everything, not just pants, but t-shirts, hats, jackets, jeans and even pajamas," said senior Jesse Greenfield.

Many trends, fashions and colors were retro. The old army look was back and cargo pockets and colors resembled the 60's. "I think people are wearing what they think is comfortable," Greenfield said.

Senior Allison Sapp didn't agree. "I believe people are wearing what they think looks good on them. If you like how it looks, you wear it."

"I think that the pre-washed look of American Eagle and Abercrombie and Fitch has re-

ally boomed over the last year," said senior Andrew Joos.

Many trends lasted only months but some lasted longer.

"I like the long T-shirt and blue jeans look. I think it just suits myself better," said Joos. "I think it's all a matter of preference what students wear. It is just what you like best," he added.

Trends consisted of more than just clothing. Baggy clothes were out, especially for girls. Seven out of every ten people asked thought that body piercing was still one of this year's biggest trends. Everything from ears to tongues to belly buttons were pierced this year.

Junior David Stevens had a total of seven piercings, all of which were on, or rather in his head.

"I started getting piercing done to be different from everybody else," Stevens said. "But, instead of that happening everybody started getting the same things pierced. I've got seven piercings and I'm not done yet," he added of piercings of his ears, eyebrow, and tongue.

Senior Will Donovan beat Stevens's record by one. He had all of the same things pierced and then some.

"I got my tongue pierced to be different from other girls," said sophomore Vicki Russell. "There aren't a lot of girls around here who have their tongues done. That's why I consider myself unique and interesting."

by Trisha Cutlip
and Hunter Nolan

spotlight

Centered around Heather Benson, Seth Myers, along with Ryan McFadden, David Watson, and Sarah Tjernstrom listen to Benson sing. *Photo by Amy Roberts.*

classy

After dress rehearsal, Seth Myers pays attention to stage directions from Mrs. Kemp. "We worked really hard and spent a lot of time, but all the time and effort paid off." *Photo by Christina Colley.*



chained

Playing Jacob Marley and Christmas Past, Charlie Coleman and Becca Czamecki exquisitely perform their scene. "I like working with Becca because she doesn't go to our school," said Coleman. *Photo by Amy Roberts.*

shopping

While walking around town, Amanda Holt, Seth Myers, Jordan Robison, Kara Nelson, David Watson, and Sarah Tjernstrom buy items from shopkeepers. *Photo by Christina Colley.*

enriched

Playing a beggar woman in the play, Mrs. Clark said she "had the most holiday fun in ages." "I loved that it was a whole community production. My dentist was even in the play." *Photo by Christina Colley.*

God Bless Us, Every One

"I danced on his grave as I sang.....He thought we were throwing him a party"

DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, MHS STAGE DOOR PRODUCTIONS PRESENTED SCROOGE THE MUSICAL. THE PLAY FEATURED A CAST OF CHILDREN, STUDENTS, AND ADULTS WHO RANGED IN AGE FROM FOUR TO SIXTY. AUDITIONS WERE OCTOBER 8 AND 9.

"It was difficult [to decide who to pick] because there were so many children auditioning in a limited number of parts for that age group," said play director Kimberly Kemp. About 60 children tried out for 30 parts.

Many families auditioned together and received parts which was pleasant because it added to the family atmosphere, Kemp said.

"I auditioned with my little sister because she was really nervous and she wanted my support. We did a duet together

and it was a lot of fun," said junior **Heather Benson**.

Junior **Aaron Stone** played the character Tom Jenkins. His rendition of "Thank You Very Much" was one of the many highlights of the show.

"It was a fun part of the play for me," said Stone. "It took place in the future, when Scrooge was viewing how his life would end up. My character owed Scrooge money, but Scrooge died and I danced on his grave as I sang. Scrooge, however, thought we were

throwing him a party."

As was the case in all the Stage Door productions, members of the community participated.

Christine Brandt doubled as the choreographer and costumer.

Churchill Clark played the part of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge. Clark was a seasoned actor with great stage presence.

Senior **Seth Myers** played the part of Mr. Jollygood.

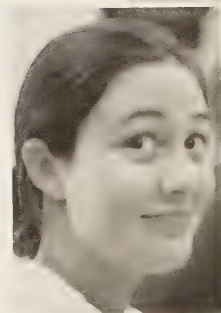
"Without extreme effort and determination from each person of the cast then the play would not have been successful at all," he said.

by *Jennifer Saemann*

show and tell

JENNY KIMMEL

"Working together to put on a production is really fun when you get to work with a large group of people. I enjoyed playing young Isabell and Helen. Even though it was a lot of work and we had to practice every night, I enjoyed it and am happy that it turned out really well."



thanks

During Christmas Future, Aaron Stone sings "Thank You Very Much." "I loved working with the people in the community during this production," said Stone. Photo by Amy Roberts.

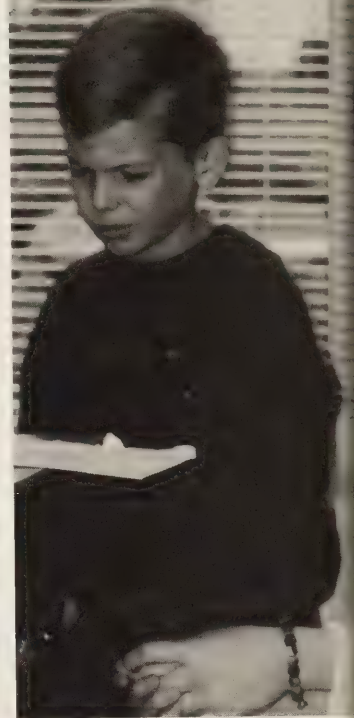


volunteer

As a member of the key club, Shannon Lally voluntarily wraps presents for the less fortunate children of the community. Photo by Erica Thomas.

festival

Getting into the holiday spirit Rick Norman shows off his festive wear and attitude. "Even though a group of my girl friend's forced me to do it, I still ended up having a lot of fun with it," stated Norman. Photo by Justin Nissley.



creatively

Through creative writing, Cliff Cambell was given the opportunity to make and hand out Santa grams for the student body. Photo by Jon Wassink.

reindeer

Holding true to her name, Teresa Deer festively sports her Rudolph antlers. The antlers were just her way of expressing her holiday spirit. Photo by Justin Nissley.

educator

As a Courtland Elementary student looks on with confusion, Christina Perry, better known as Jingle Bells, does her best to explain the larger words to him. Photo by Casey O'Donnell.

leftover

As a member of the creative writing class, Greg Andrews prepares candy grams. "The best part was getting to eat the leftovers," said Andrews. Photo by Jon Wassink.

show and tell

NICOLE SANTA

"I don't know why, but when I woke up that morning I just felt more in the Christmas spirit than I usually am. I just wanted to wear the santa hat and I thought it was appropriate for the holiday season and for my name."



Show Your Face

Santa Hats and Funny Shoes

"It made me think back to my own childhood"

DEAR SANTA... ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A BOOM BOX, SONY DREAMCAST SYSTEM AND GAME, DONKEY KONG 64 AND A WINTER WARDROBE FROM LIMITED, EXPRESS, AND ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH.

English teacher Jackie Gebhart integrated technical writing skill with the holiday spirit by having her students answer letters to Santa.

"It's a fun way to [cover the SOL's]. Plus it gets my students in the mood for Christmas," she said.

Gebhart enjoyed seeing the wonder in the eyes of the children when her students delivered the responses from Santa dressed up as Santa's elves.

She reflected on a student from years past that was touched by one letter to Santa.

The child had asked for a

teddy bear because her father had been laid off from his job. The student was so moved that he wanted to buy the gift for the child; but in order to be fair to all students, he didn't.

"I loved being with the kids, singing with them and watching their faces light up as we gave them their letters from Santa's elves," said senior Shannon Lally of her participation last year.

Gebhart took her students to Courthouse Elementary and Courtland Elementary to deliver responses from the children's letters to Santa.

"I enjoyed going to the elementary schools and handing out letters. It put me in the Christmas spirit and made me think back to my own childhood," said senior Christina Perry.

In order to make the trip, Gebhart's students had to dress as elves.

"That doesn't mean throwing on a red sweat shirt," Gebhart warned her third period class on Dec. 8. "They are expecting Santa's elves, his helpers, to deliver responses."

"It gets them to look at Christmas a little differently, through the eyes of a child again," she added.

by Jenny Connell

show and tell

BEN COX

"For New Year's I really didn't do a lot. I stayed home with my family and we had some people over and partied. I had a great time. As for the Y2K bug,



I think it was over-rated, and any problems we could've had would've been because of the people who were freaking out about it."

EMILY BAEZ

"Dressing up like an elf for the day brought out the kid and the imaginative spirit in me. [At the elementary school] the thing all the kids wanted to know was what kind of cookies Santa ate and what kind of milk he drank. We told them Double Stuff Oreos and 2% milk. We even gave them the school's address in hope that they'd send us the Oreos."



payday

Painting the tree on the window to the senior courtyard, Christina Hovey makes final touches. "It paid off when people started complimenting our work," she said. Photo by Jon Wassink.



Show Your Face

Midnight Madness

"We just celebrated a little later than everyone else"

ALL OVER THE WORLD, NEARLY EVERY PERSON, YOUNG AND OLD, RANG IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, AFTER ALL, THE AVERAGE PERSON RARELY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE THROUGH THE TURN OF A CENTURY.

"It was an incredible night, we just celebrated it a little later than everyone else," said Mike Pavela of his New Year's experience.

For Pavela, this once in a lifetime experience rang in a little later than anticipated.

Pavela and his family decided to go to Williamsburg and they celebrated the New Year on the campus of William and Mary. The turnout was tremendous.

People from all over came together to enjoy the crisp night air and the company of others, both the familiar faces and the new, said Pavela.

As the big moment grew closer and closer, the nerves could virtually be seen floating

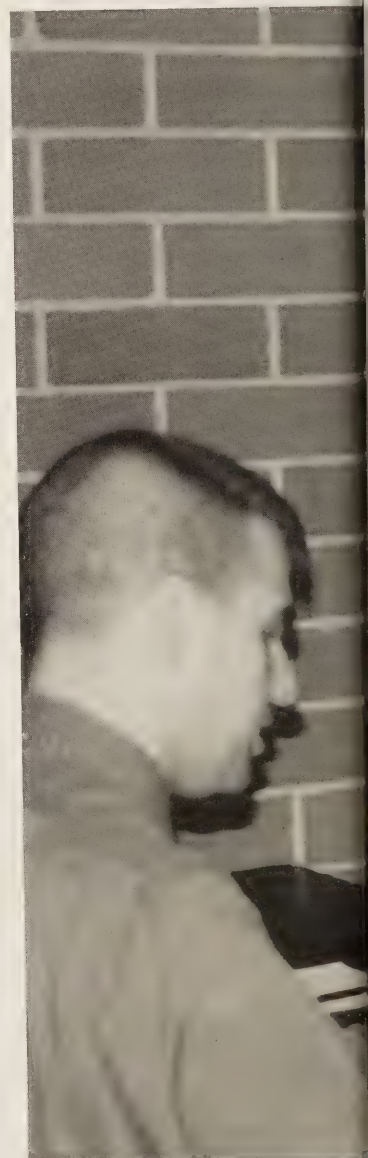
through the air, he said.

Then, the countdown... ten, nine, eight... But then, from the back of the crowd, loud comments began to catch the attention of the other onlookers.

"It's past 12:00," Pavela heard someone say. As more and more people caught on, the digital watches lit up around the field. Soon, everyone was aware of what was going on.

As the rest of the east coast came down from the natural high brought on with the big moment, Pavela and the rest of those crowded into the William & Mary campus were just preparing for it.

by Casey O'Donnell





frosty

On looking the Senior Territory courtyard, are the words "Panther Pride", created by the SCA and printed on the windows for all the students to see as they passed by. For the holiday season a snowman was added. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

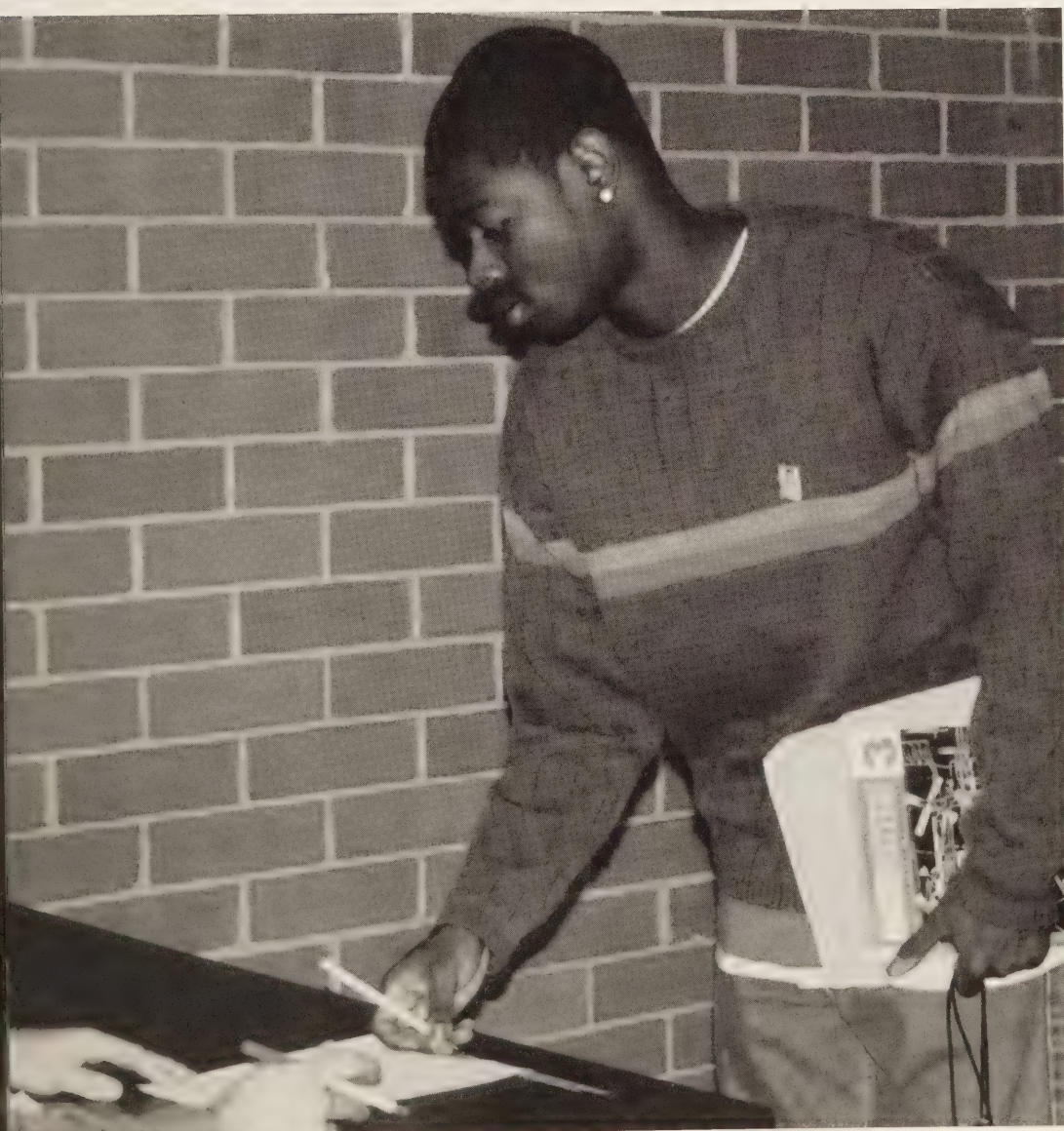
performance

After returning from local elementary schools, several of Mrs. Gebhart's students performed for the staff working in the office. "I felt like an idiot," said Rick Norman, "But the ladies definitely were diggin' it." *Photo by Casey O'Donnell.*



secretive

With big hearts and a little extra patience, KC Cowser wraps presents for a secret Santa program. "I was trying to wrap a baseball for a little boy. I hope he had a great Christmas," she said. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*



elves

All "elfed" out for the Santa's little helpers trip, Shannon and Christen Duchemin wait to enter the building. "It was awesome, the kids loved us," said Christen. *Photo by Casey O'Donnell*

resolution

So much for new beginnings. Even after the long winter break, Aljerome Vincent still manages to be tardy to first period on the first day back. *Photo by Sandy Woodcock.*

studyin'

Huddled in the hallway before class, Tim Allmond and Derek Smith join Kerri White and Carmen Rios in order to do some last minute studying. Photo by Jazmine Alcazar.

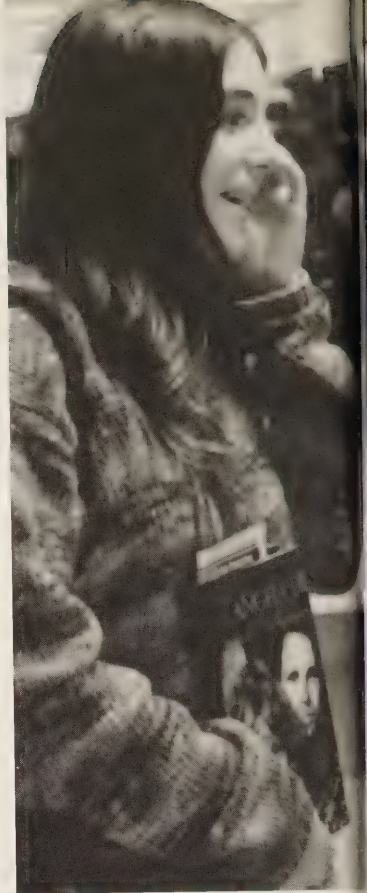
show and tell

EMILY WASSINK

"Five minutes between classes seems like plenty of time to take care of the things I need to. After



going to my locker and talking to friends, I am still early for class. Being early gives me time to finish homework that I didn't finish the night before."



Show Your Face

The Fastest Five Minutes Ever

"It just adds unnecessary stress to an already stressful day"

THE TONE SOUNDS AND THE GREAT RACE BEGAN. THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE THROUGH THE HALLWAYS CREATED MUCH HAVOC FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES. AFTER THE ALLOTTED TIME, THE ONLY EVIDENCE OF 'THE RACE' WAS A FEW DISCARDED PAPERS AND A FEW LATE STUDENTS.

"I'm usually late to class," said junior **Chip Clark**. "I would rather sit in my foldout chair in the hallway and relax, rather than get to class on time." Clark kept a compact chair in his locker throughout the year.

"The stresses of having classes far apart and not enough time to go to your locker makes it inevitable that you have to carry all your books with you," said sophomore **Amanda Vaughn**.

Vaughn's classes were so far away from her locker that she carried all of her books with her. Vaughn tried several options in an effort to lighten her load.

One option was to leave her books in her teacher's classrooms; but she preferred to borrow her friends' books rather than running the risk of having someone else take her books

from the classrooms.

While some students dreamt of an extra sixty seconds or so to change classes, sophomore **Reshma Patel** felt there was already too much time.

"Sometimes when I have a class right next to the one I just had, I will walk around the school until it's time for the next class to start," said Patel.

Patel claimed she wandered around in order to get the blood flowing before she sat in her next class for 45 minutes.

The five minutes, if used wisely, helped friends to stay in touch.

"The five minutes between classes helps us build a lasting friendship," says senior **Stephanie Henson** about her close friend **Katie Streeff**.

"We don't have any classes together this year, and it's the

only time during school that we get to socialize with one another," added Streeff.

According to Streeff, the five minutes between classes was way too short.

"It's not enough time to go to the bathroom, go to my locker, and run from my third period class at one end of the school to my fourth period class at the other end," she said.

"Trying to fit everything into five minutes just adds unnecessary stress to the already stressful day," added Henson.

Experience with managing time between classes was also helpful.

"Since it's my fourth year dealing with only five minutes between classes, I'm pretty used to it. I've figured out a routine that allows enough time to go to my locker and to talk to my friends before my next class," said senior **Shannon Faulconer**.

by Becca Richards



chatting

Socializing between classes is sometimes the only way you can talk to your friends while at school. Michelle Lecky and Harmony Stewart could not wait for after school to discuss their important matters. *Photo by Megan O'Brien.*

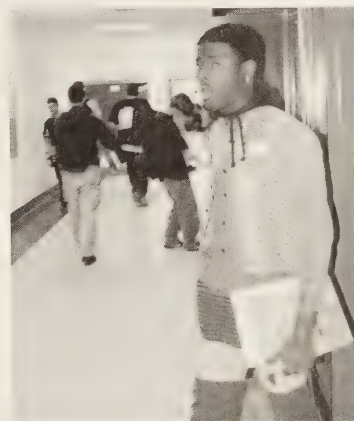
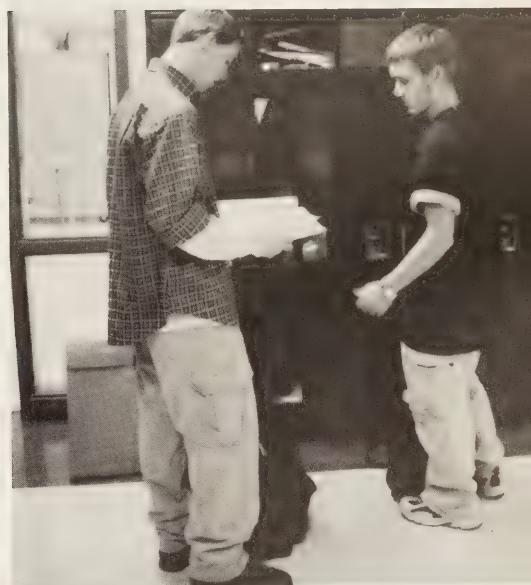


heavy

In between classes, especially APs, Emily Baez stops by her locker in order to relieve her back from the extra weight of her books. *Photo by Jazmine Alcazar.*

comfort

Before going to class, Chip Clark and Randall Pierce discuss a paper. "I brought a fold-up chair to school so I didn't have to sit on the floor between classes," said Clark. *Photo by Adam Conner.*



loitering

Waiting around for the right moment to go to class, Aljerome Vincent chats in the hall. "Before class, I walk around a lot. There isn't much else to do," said Vincent. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

rushed

Hurrying to change her books, Nicole Trigg stops at her locker. "It's the only time I can talk to my friends because teachers don't allow us to during class," she said. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*

It's Elernentary, My Dear Friend

"We got sent to the office multiple times"

LOOKING BACK NOW THEY ARE ABLE TO LAUGH ABOUT THEIR LITTLE TIFFS AND TIMES WHEN THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN THE SAME ROOM TOGETHER. THEY CAN FORGIVE AND FORGET, AND ONCE EMBARRASSING MOMENTS NOW SEEM ALMOST TRIVIAL.

They are best friends, and have been best friends for a long time.

Sophomores **Tara Hedrick** and **Stacy Larson** have been childhood friends from the day they met each other.

"We have been *best* friends for seven years; we are very close," said Larson.

"We've had tons of classes together, ever since the third grade, needless to say we got sent to the office multiple times" said Hedrick.

Best friends can leave a last-

ing impact on your adolescent life. They are there for you to depend on no matter what happens, but making a friendship last takes time and effort.

"We argued a lot, but now we are so used to each other's personalities we just joke around" said sophomore **Brittany Sykes** about her friendship with **Keirsten Sayles** since the sixth grade.

Seniors **K.C. Cowsert** and **Caroline Givens** have been friends for what seems like forever.

"We have been through so much together, without her I don't know how I would have made it, we have been there for each other practically all our lives," said Cowsert.

"K.C. has been my best friend since the third grade, we have done so much together," Givens added. "We have spent the last four years of high school playing on the same field hockey team together, as well as being in many of the same classes. I never get sick of being around her. I guess that's just because we are such good friends."

by Jessica McDonald

show and tell

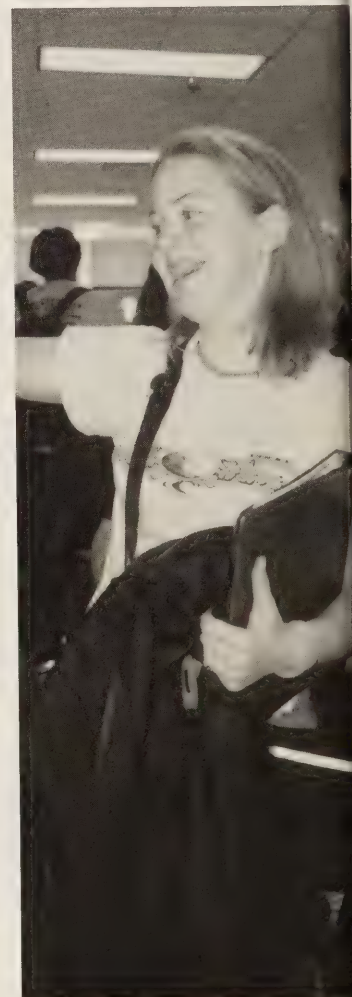
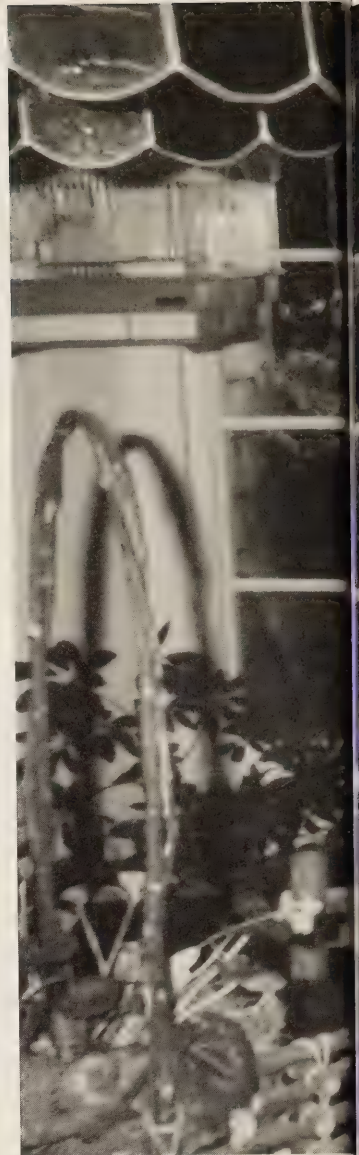
TROY SIMPSON

"When you are friends with someone for your entire life, his or her friendship is something you value. When that person is not around you feel like you are missing something. That is what I feel having a friend forever means."



snowbunnies

Getting together on one of their snow days, **Jen Greenfield**, **Shannon Duchemin**, **Nicole Heiman**, **Caroline Givens**, **Denise Machonis**, **Emily Bagby**, **Marie Brown**, and **Melissa McDonald** spend the day at Greenfield's house. The girls have been close all through high school. Photo by Pam Greenfield.





flashback

Back in the sixth grade, a young K.C. Cowser and Caroline Givens go over their homework together. The two have been best friends most of their lives. *Photo by Mary Givens.*

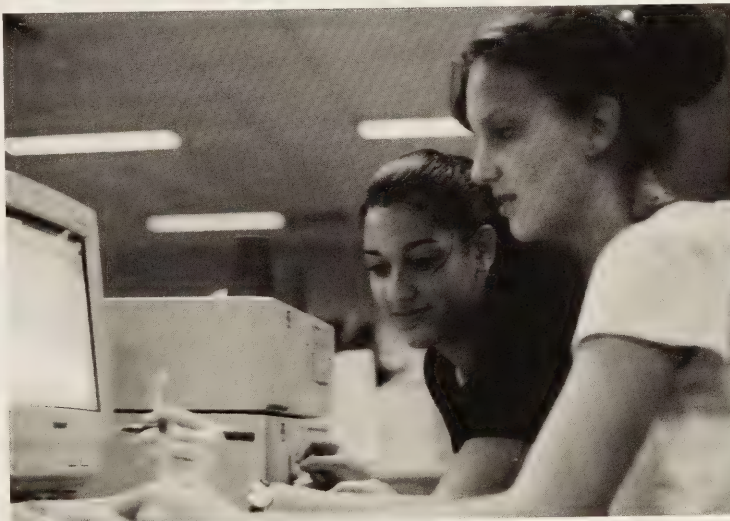
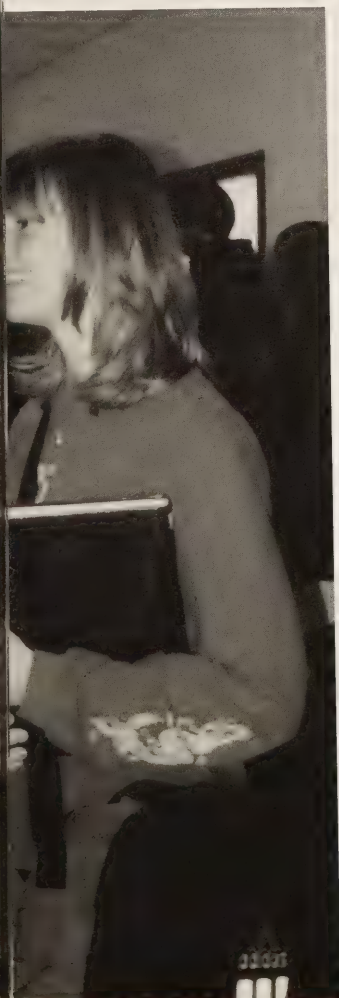
matured

Seven years since their sixth grade homework assignment and all grown up, K.C. Cowser and Caroline Givens ring in the new millennium together. *Photo by Mary Givens.*



seventeen

Enjoying each other's company. Seniors Trevor Walsh, Emily Moore, and DeWayne Ovard eat lunch together. The three have been friends for 17 years. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



together

Before heading off to class, Danielle McKenrick and Sabrina Johnson briefly chat by their lockers. "We have been best friends for a while, we do so much together" said Johnson. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

surfers

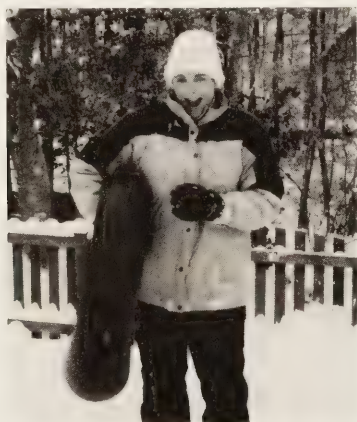
Working together in the computer lab, Carmen Rios and Kathy Ovard surf the net for fun during their free time. The two have been good friends since middle school. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*

snow-dog

Glen Grau plays with his dog during one of the snow days we had in January. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*

playtime

Coming into school during a snow flurry, B.J. Sayles, a senior, bundles up from the cold. "It was nice to get some snow and a few days off from school," he said. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



experience

All bundled up and ready to go for another whirl down the hill on her tube, senior Andrea Lyaal grins at the sight of snow on the ground. *Photo by Ashley Grant.*

shocking

Walking out to the parking lot, a surprised Katie Buckley squints at the sight of the first falling snowflakes. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*





relaxin'

Not everyone spent day after day in the snow. On a snow day, senior Cary Self relaxes by watching a little television rather than going out to play. Photo by Ashley Grant.

loungin'

Watching TV at Ashley Grant's house, Andrea Lyall, Jermaine Saudners, and Julia Schiessier look extremely bored. Photo by Ashley Grant.



Show Your Face

Super Snow Daze

"I got to get some new clothes"

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER SPOTSYLVANIA SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR TODAY," STUDENTS HEARD TRAPPER YOUNG OF B101.5 SAY.

Freshman **Nicole Santa** found her days off enjoyable.

"I had sled races with my friends, but that got kind of tiring so we decided to build snowmen. That wore us out pretty much, so we went back to my house and had hot chocolate. We had a lot of fun," Santa said.

"I went skiing at Massanutten which is a ski resort in Virginia," said junior **Elizabeth Easley**. "We don't get that much snow to begin with around here, so my friends and I decided to take advantage of it. We weren't too great at skiing; but we made the best out of it anyway and ended up having a blast."

While some people were out building snowmen, sledding, and relaxing by the fire, others were working hard, trying to

make some extra dough while they could.

"I went outside and shoveled huge amounts of snow off my driveway," said sophomore **Danielle McKenrick**, "only to have it covered by more snow [two hours later]. That was really aggravating because of all the work I had put into it; but my dad paid me anyway," she said.

Junior **Monica Chan** spent the entire break working at Chinamax, her parents' restaurant.

"I got lucky though," she said. "We didn't open the first day the snow hit because of the hazardous roads. The only good part about working all that time was I made a ton of money, so I got to get some new clothes."

by Sarah Moran

show and tell

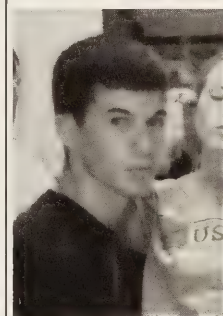
ADAM WISNIEWSKI

"During the snow days I went to my friend's house and we watched some television and played board games. Then we went outside to sled and make snowmen. It was nice to have a break off from school and to be able to hang out more with my friends."



MARK BLAKE

"Over the snow days I got a chance to go sledding in my neighborhood and at my grandparents' house in Stafford. I went with all my relatives- brother, sister-in-law, cousins, etc. Other than



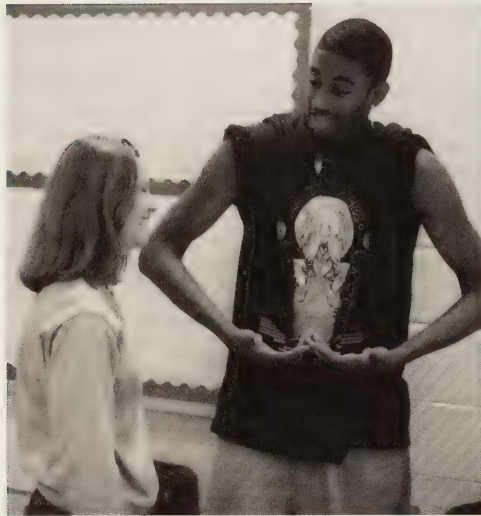
that I got a chance to sleep in every morning for a change, and I didn't have to take exams which was great because I hadn't studied much for them."

composed

Advanced Placement English Composition students, Leah Finley and Philip Seidman, chat between free moments during class. This was the first year the college credit course was offered to juniors. *Photo by Kelly Romine.*

strengthened

Junior Wendy Roles listens and laughs as Tim Almond describes in great detail the massive size of his bicep muscles. *Photo by Ashley Ferren.*



dancers

Snuggling up for the camera, long-time friends Denise Machonis and Kelvin Jones, strike a pose before the homecoming dance. *Photo by Sharon Petty.*

catch-up

Junior Jon Hetrick listens as Laura Wunderlich recalls the highlights of her busy weekend. Lunch was the time when most friends caught up during the day. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*





schoolmates

During Spanish IV class, Colt Hagmier takes a moment to rest his head on April Morales' shoulder while she takes notes on verb conjugation. The two juniors have been friends since they attended Courtland High School together their freshman year. *Photo by Kelly Romine.*

Show Your Face

Established Co-Ed Connections

"Why can't they understand we're just friends?"

ONE CHILLY SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN MID-JANUARY, JUNIOR PHIL SEIDMAN STOOD IN FRONT OF THE MOVIES WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO ARRIVE. THE MINUTES TICKED BY, AND STILL, NO ONE CAME.

The ticket seller gave him a knowing look.

"[He looked at me] as if he knew what was going on and felt bad for me," Seidman said.

Finally she arrived, fifteen minutes late and bursting with apologies. As Seidman approached the window the guy behind the counter leaned close to the glass.

"So your girlfriend finally got here," he said. "I hate it when my date can't show up on time."

"She's not my girlfriend," said Seidman. "We're just friends. And she's always late."

Many people made the same

mistake as the ticket seller. They too jumped to the conclusion that guys and girls did not spend time together unless they were dating.

"It's really annoying that people always think I'm going out with someone because I talk to them," said junior Leah Finley. "Why can't they understand that we're just friends?"

Jennifer Hamilton had the same complaint.

"I've known my friend Adam since we were five," she said. "We met through church and have been good friends since then. Of course, there are always

those people who doubt that we can be so close and not be dating; but we're not."

Having friends of the opposite sex proved to have many advantages.

"They can give a different perspective on things," said Hamilton. "If I want to know what a guy would be thinking in a certain situation, I just ask Adam, and he tells me the honest truth, even though sometimes what he tells me doesn't make guys look too good."

"It's cool to have a girl's opinion about something when you're not dating her. You don't have to try to impress her all the time. It's easier to relax and just have fun," Seidman agreed.

by Jenni Ziegler

show and tell

KELLY ROMINE



"I definitely think girls and guys can just be friends with out dating or anything like that. I've never had anyone mistake one of my guy friends for a boyfriend, but I guess it's possible. If you spend all your time with just that one person, I can see that someone might get confused."

COLBY GOETZ



"Girls can be just as good of friends as guys can. They can tell you stuff about girls that you may not already know and can give you advice that helps out with the girls you like."

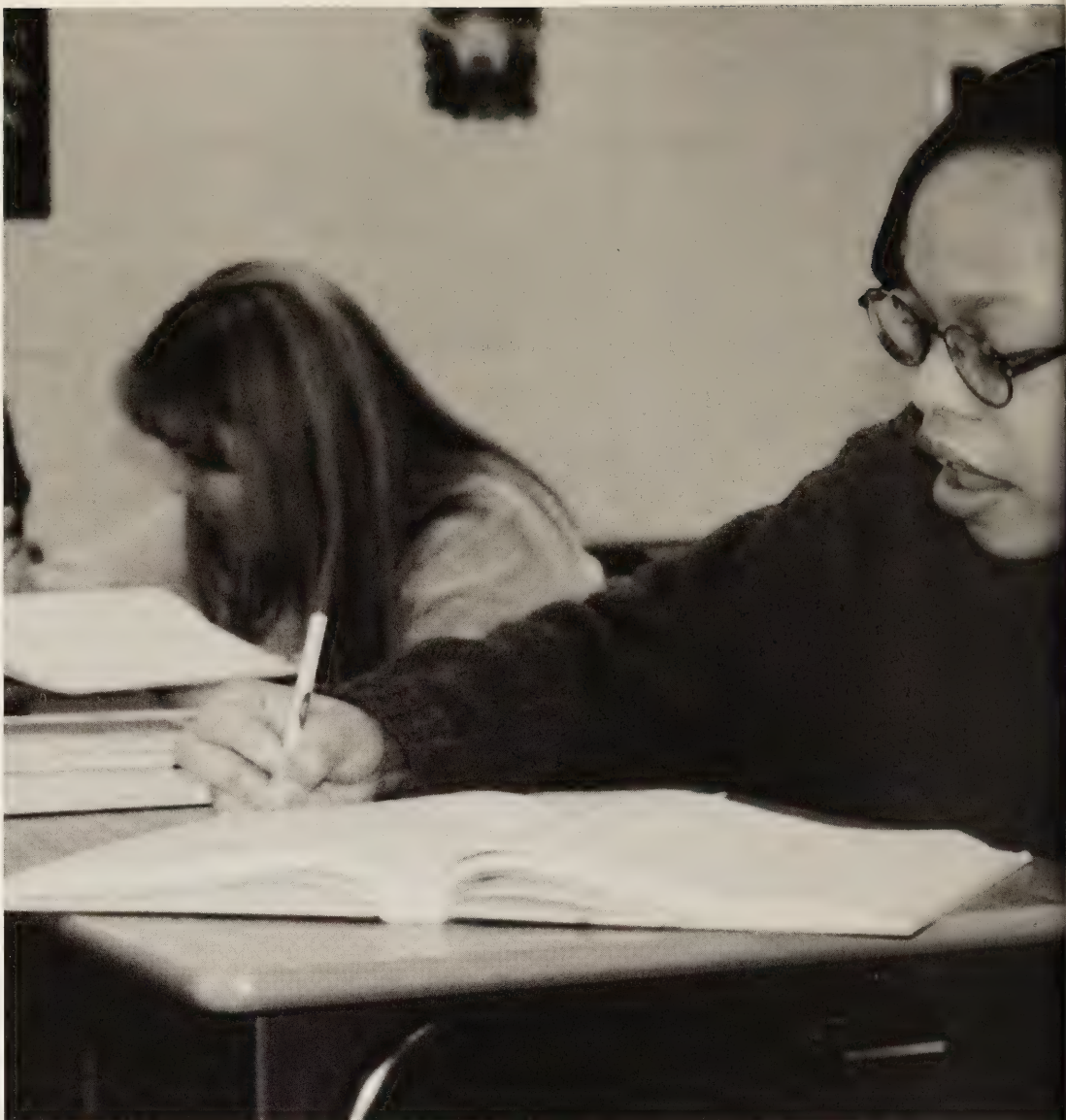
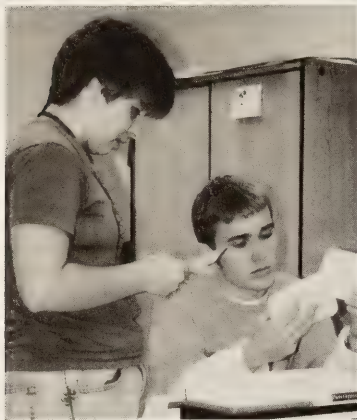


opened

Flipping through the pages of her keyboarding textbook, Tiffani Evans searches for all the right answers to her open-book test. *Photo by Ryan Coleman.*

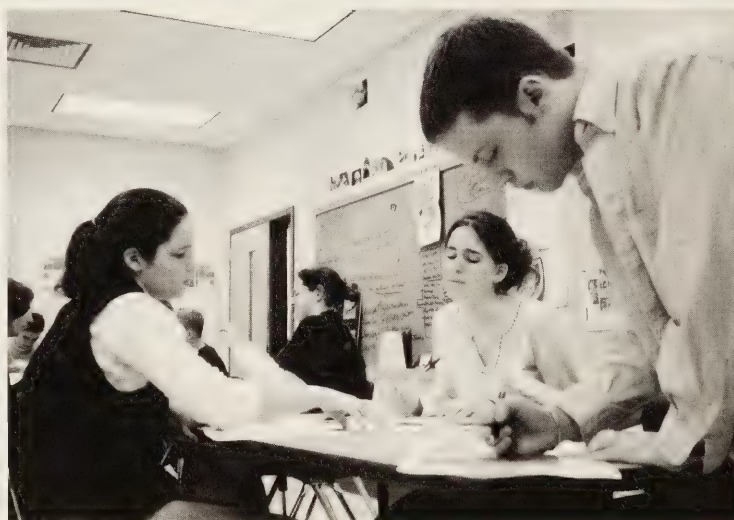
editing

Photojournalism editor Stevi Antosh and yearbook editor Randall Pierce judge photos for the photographers' grades, as well as for good pics to use in the yearbook. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



tested

As part of preparation for the Biology SOL, students must learn the parts of plant and animal cells. Sophomore Michael Toner is tested on his knowledge in this area. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*



paggers

Students in Yearbook Production are tested on whether they meet deadlines or not. Sarah Moran, Mary Flannigen, and Robert Berry put the finishing touches on their pages. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

beginnings

Getting into the swing of things, Cecil Willams studies for one of his first tests of the year. Testing can be one of the most difficult parts of returning to school. *Photo by Cindy Tydings.*



An Even Odder Test Schedule

"I'm pretty sure I would have done better if they weren't all on the same day."

A LONG WITH CHANGES THIS YEAR WHICH INVOLVED THE WAY TEACHERS RAN THEIR CLASSES, SUCH AS SOL REQUIREMENTS AND ABSENTEE GREEN SLIPS, CAME A NEW TEST SCHEDULE. THE SCHEDULE REQUIRED TEACHERS TO ONLY ASSIGN TESTS ON ODD OR EVEN DAYS IN ORDER TO EASE STUDY REQUIREMENTS.

History tests were given on odd days, math on even days, and so on. The system was put into effect in hopes that the number of tests students were to take in a single day would decrease.

While the test schedule sounded effective in theory, "the teachers don't follow it, none of my teachers use it, and I have a lot of tests and quizzes on Fridays all of the time," said sophomore Dayna Solomey.

"I haven't thought much of the test schedule all year," said sophomore Mike Eltringham, "so I'm not surprised if the teachers haven't."

Senior Andrea Lyall was not affected by the new schedule either. She said her "teachers don't care about the new schedule."

Even if all her teachers did follow the schedule, Lyall didn't think her grades would change.

"I don't generally have mul-

tiples tests or quizzes on one day. It's not really a big deal because each teacher is on a different schedule anyway."

However for students who had more than one test or quiz on the same day, the schedule offered some relief from a stressful day.

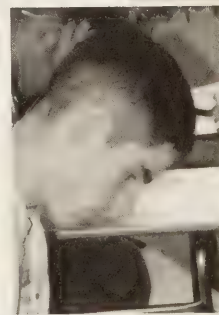
"If teachers followed the schedule it would help alleviate the stress of taking so many tests in one day. I had six...in one day and I am pretty sure I would have done better if they weren't all on the same day," said Solomey.

by Jennifer Klarman

show and tell

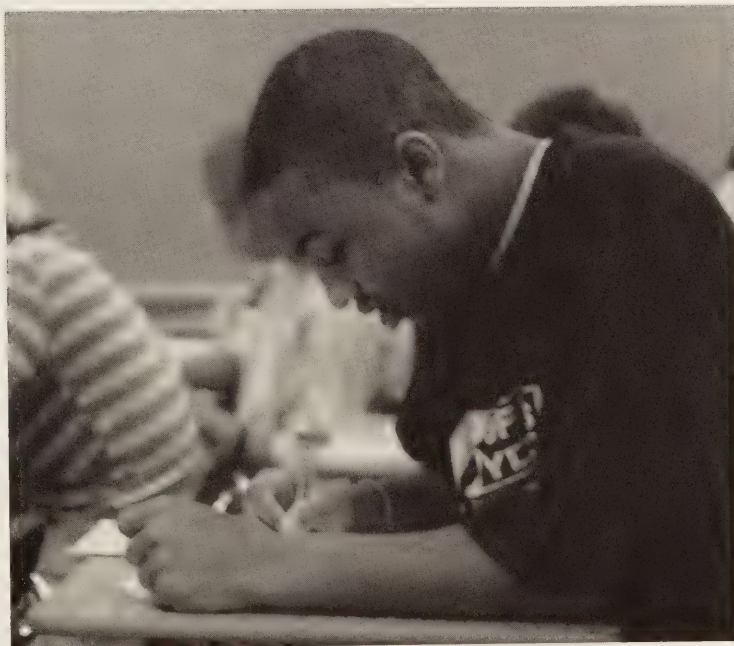
TODD PICKERING

"I think that teachers should be allowed to give tests on any day they want except Monday. When I have tests on Monday I tend to forget what I've learned and sometimes I don't like to study on the weekend. Most of my teachers follow the schedule but sometimes they are thrown off by school cancellations."



concentrate

Tests play a large part in students six weeks grades. The test can show just how much a student has learned. Understanding the importance of such test grades, CJ Taylor concentrates on an English test. Photo by Cindy Tydings.



joker

Eating his lunch at the same time, Matt Barley socializes about basketball and computers with his friends. "When I'm at lunch my friends and I like to joke around."

Photo by Amy Denniston.



Show Your Face

Starting Fresh At A New School

"My brother...told me there's a pool in the basement"

SOMETIMES IT WAS FEAR OF BEING PICKED ON BY UPPERCLASSMEN, SOMETIMES IT WAS THE INABILITY TO REMEMBER A LOCKER COMBINATION, SOMETIMES IT WAS THE FUTILE SEARCH TO FIND THE POOL IN THE BASEMENT OR THE THIRD FLOOR, SOMETIMES IT WAS JUST FINDING CLASS.

The possibilities of things to fear in high school seemed endless to freshman just learning the ropes.

"On the first day, I walked into the wrong gym class without knowing it," said freshman Michael Kenner.

"My brother, George Yin, told me that there's a pool in the basement of the school. But I didn't believe him," said fresh-

man Lisa Yin, who had very few worries about her move to high school. "I didn't really have any problems. My brother prepared me for what it would be like."

But freshmen without older siblings or friends to help sometimes had more to fear.

"I was afraid of the big people running into me a little; but I was fairly sure I knew my way around the school," said fresh-

man Ryan Cannington.

"I forgot how to open a locker over the summer. And it took me about an hour to open it on the first day," said freshman Ellen Lusby. Because [of that] I was late to my fifth period class."

"I was hurrying to my fourth period class and I was going down the steps and I fell. Everyone started laughing at me. I was really embarrassed," said Michael Adams.

by Mary Flanigen and
Gina Pee

show and tell

BRIAN SNODGRASS

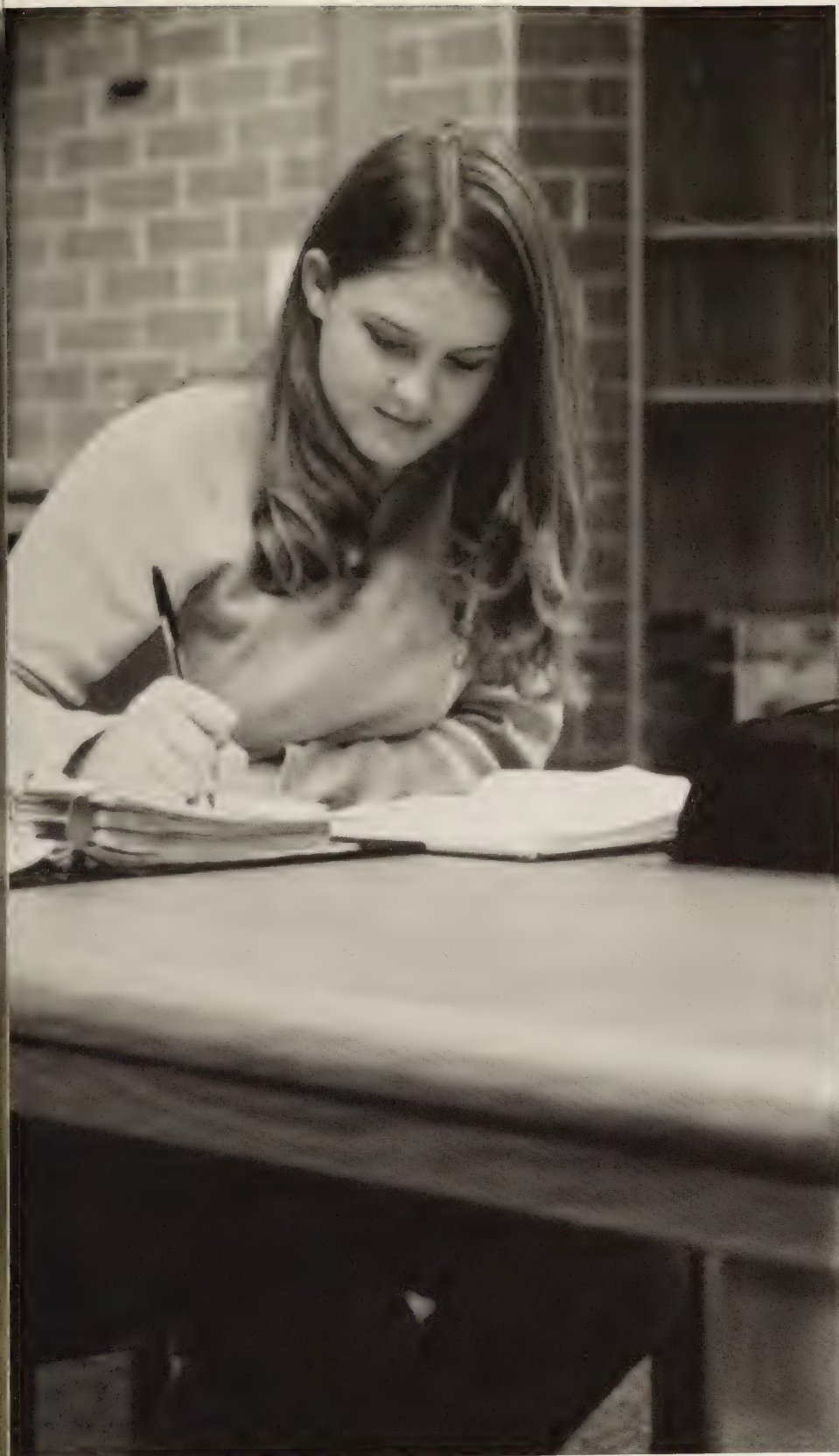


"I didn't have many problems coming to a new school and being a freshman. I met people fairly easily here and made some new friends. Overall I think that is one of the most important things to accomplish as a freshman."

CAROLINE SMITH



"I don't really have that big of a problem being a freshman this year. However, I think that of all the possible problems for a freshman to encounter, the biggest one would probably be [getting along with] the upperclassmen."

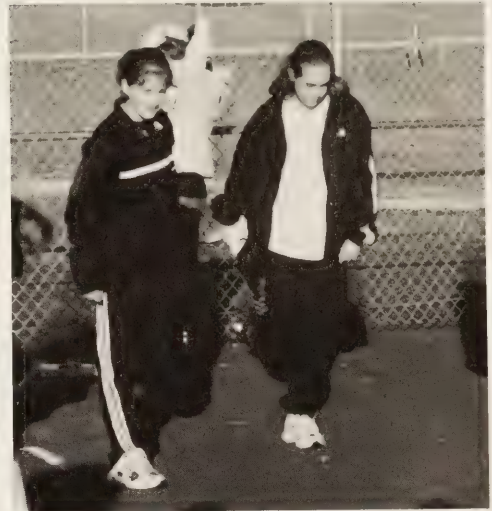


bookwork

Working in the library, freshman Jessica Morales studies for an assignment. Many students, including many freshman, like to use the library to sit and do work rather than doing it at home. *Photo by Ashley Grant.*

conditioner

Freshman year is also the year to begin high school sports. Emily Wassink and Vanessa Roycroft stretch during soccer conditioning. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



humorous

During a class they have together, freshmen Cynthia Mouira and Ashley West take a break from notes to share a laugh. *Photo by Cindy Tydings.*



observers

Standing in the halls together after class, freshmen Christine Black and Ashley O'Neil chat for a while as they watch other students walk by. *Photo by Meghan O'Brien.*

Show Your Face

Cupid Catches the Love Bug

"I got boxers with [neat looking] hearts on them"

LOVE WAS IN THE AIR AND SO WAS THE SMELL OF CHOCOLATES AND FLOWERS. MANY CELEBRATED VALENTINES' DAY, BUT FOR SOME IT WAS JUST ANOTHER DAY.

"I THOUGHT THIS YEAR WAS GOING to be a normal day," said senior **Jen Downing**. "But I received a dozen roses and two stuffed animals. It was a shock because he's a marine and is in Japan so we spend most of our money on phone cards."

Others celebrated by going out for their special day.

"We went to Ruby Tuesday's for dinner after we exchanged gifts at my house," said junior **April Carter**. "I gave him a Nautica shirt and some shoes. He gave me some chocolate candy and a dozen roses."

Valentines' Day was not only a day of receiving but also a day of giving.

"I got boxers with little hearts on them, they were pretty neat looking," said junior **Shawn Smith**. "I gave her a teddy bear and some flowers."

Some might have been a little embarrassed but not Shawn, he just giggled about the whole situation.

Others were emotional when they received their gifts.

"I got a perfume gift set and a really sweet card from Alex," said junior **Katrina Culpeper**,

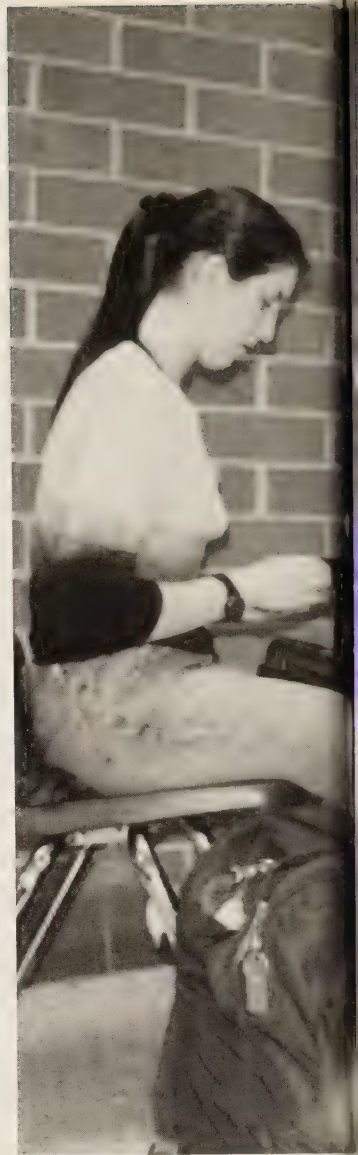
"it made me cry."

Others were just surprised by their special someone.

"Kevin showed up at my door with candy, flowers, and a teddy bear," said junior **Jessica Dorsey**. "I wasn't even expecting to see him that day, since I had gotten into some trouble before Valentines' Day," she added.

"It was the worst Valentines' Day ever," said junior **Danielle Thomas**. "One of his ex-girlfriends showed up at my front door. And on top of that we didn't have any money to actually go and celebrate this so called 'special' day."

by *Jeanie Losh*



show and tell

ERIC DEPOLLO

"Well I'm usually not really big about Valentine's Day, but it was the first time I received flowers for a present. Normally I always give the presents and get the 'thank you's, but this year I got a present and said the 'thank you'."



gift-wrapped

Waiting anxiously in the main office, sophomore **Ben Clark** anticipates giving a gift to a very special someone. Photo by *Laura Weidenbach*.





milli-grams

Selling cupid grams for the lit mag, Lauren Clements, Elaine Fugee, Donnie Mrdjenovic, Greg Andrews, and Patrick Kennedy converse about the holiday. Photo by Jon Wassink.

ballooned

Waiting around the office, senior Shamica Peyton holds an "I Love You" balloon she received for Valentines' Day. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.



check-up

While on her duty, Mrs. Snyder talks to senior Adrienne Hayden about how her Valentines' Day is going. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

V-day

During a class change, junior David Newton talks to sophomore Christy Scatchard about her Valentine's Day. Photo by Jon Wassink.

secrets

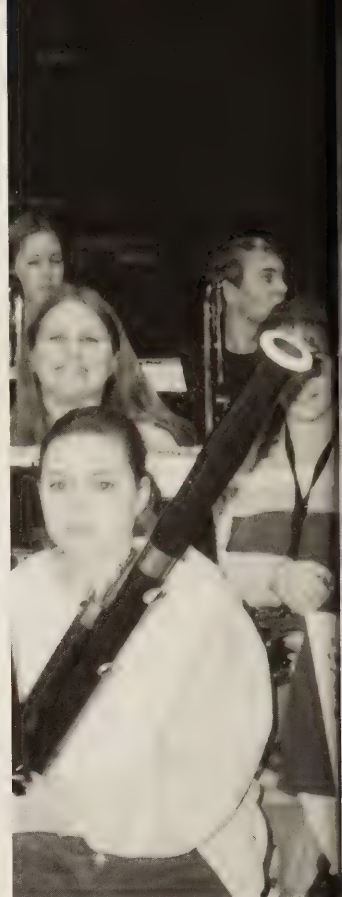
While in yearbook class Randall Pierce, Hunter Nolan, Allison Sapp, Jo-al Simmerman, and Floyd Wood gather around the table as the ladies talk about secret Valentines they received. Photo by Jon Wassink.

show and tell

ANGIE DEITZ

"I t was really hectic at first because it was the first competition here, but we pulled it together after school. We had the advantage of of being in a comfortable environment, and we knew

some of the judges which was great. I got to meet kids i wouldn't normally know and it was interesting to see what kids from other schools were doing."



Show Your Face

Playing, Singing, and Speaking

"I think I must have set up at least 440 chairs"

THERE WERE DEFINITELY SOME PERKS THAT CAME WITH BEING A SECOND YEAR SCHOOL. FIRST YEAR SCHOOLS DO NOT GET MANY, IF ANY, OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST EVENTS. THOSE THAT DO ARE LUCKY TO HOST ONE EVENT, LET ALONE THREE.

This year Massaponax was host to the District Band, Chorus and Forensics district competitions.

Sophomore **Haley Loving** saw these functions as a sort of coming out party to the new building.

"It was great having the Chorus competition here because a lot of my friends from other schools came. All of the visitors I talked to loved our school, they thought it was huge."

Senior **Chris Kenney** had the same reaction.

"It gave us a chance to show more school spirit, the visitors seemed to enjoy coming here, mainly because it's new and dif-

ferent from theirs," he said.

Senior **Gabe Walters** was sure that meeting the "new kids on the block" was a reason for having major events at Massaponax.

"Everybody wants to show the new school off," he said.

"It was okay having it here, it made it easier for traveling. The only bad thing was that we couldn't do the usual tradition of staying in a hotel," said Kenney about the District Chorus performance.

He thought that the event was held here because of the schools physical appearance.

"I think it was chosen because of the school being new and we have one of the biggest

auditoriums," he said.

Even though it might have seemed like a lot of fun to host such events, a lot of hard work went into planning the functions.

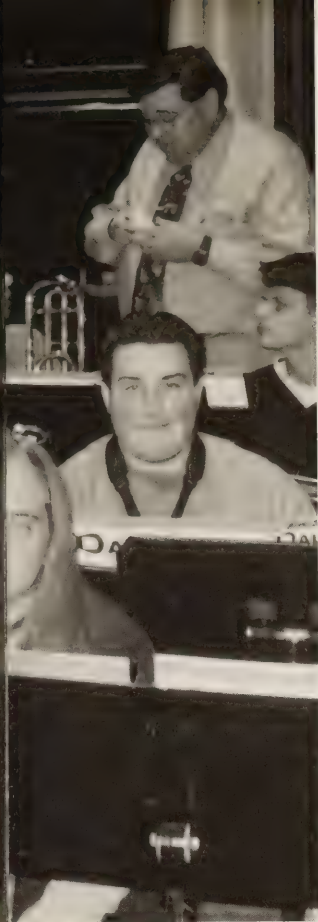
"I liked having it here, but it was a lot of work. I think I must have set up at least 440 chairs," Loving said.

She thought that once in a while was enough.

"Next year I'd like to go somewhere else, like maybe Richmond. A lot of the friends I have made through Chorus go to school in Richmond, and I would like to see their schools. I would also like to let someone else do all of the work next time," Loving said.

by Jennifer Klarman





break

Members of All District Band take a break while Chancellor band director Mr. Lipscomb discusses the piece with Gabe Walters. *Photo by Corey Koch.*

forensics

Ms. Campbell helps with administration and sign in at the first Districts Forensics Competition held here. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*



chorus

Chasity Mussleman and Kathy Ovard take advantage of a break to chat with friends that they only see District Chorus. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*



expressed

Practicing after school for the forensics competition, Stevi Antosh works on facial expressions for her version of "The Tell-Tale Heart". *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*

"cheese"

Taking a break from a busy day, band students pause to smile for the camera. *Photo by Corey Koch.*

show and tell

MARY YANCEY

"I wanted to be on the step team because I liked coming up with new steps that no one in Spotsylvania county knows.

Practice was good when we jumped right into it and everybody knew exactly what they were supposed to do."



pep-talk

Before the cheerleaders went out to show their spirit, Jenny Neilson gets a pep talk from sister, Natalie Neilson and Allison Davies. Photo by Jon Wassink.



Show Your Face

All Pepped Up For Winter Sports

"It was a bit different from the average pep rally"

THE RHYTHMIC CHANTS OF THE CHEERLEADERS OFFSET THE EXCITEMENT ECHOING THROUGHOUT THE BLEACHERS. WITH SPIRITS HIGH, THE PEP RALLY HAD OFFICIALLY BEGUN.

"I really enjoyed it, it was much better than the others. Not only did the gymnastics routine and the step team improve the pep rally, but the spirit of the students was much more apparent this year," said senior **Heidi Darmour**.

As the staff and student body continued on the journey of making a unique and unified name for itself, the changes were obvious.

The pep rally showcased the skills of both the gymnastics and step teams.

"My favorite part of the pep rally was the gymnastics demonstration. I found their skills and ability extremely impressive," said sophomore **Rachel Collins**, who had never seen a regular-season competition.

"The gymnastics was definitely the best part of the pep rally," agreed junior **Tammy**

Leake.

"I liked [the step team routine] a lot. I thought it really got the crowd going," said junior **Holly Guelig**. "They were really in sync with each other. It made the pep rally a lot better."

Senior **David Martin** appreciated the pep rally's unique style, things that made it stand out from previous pep rallies.

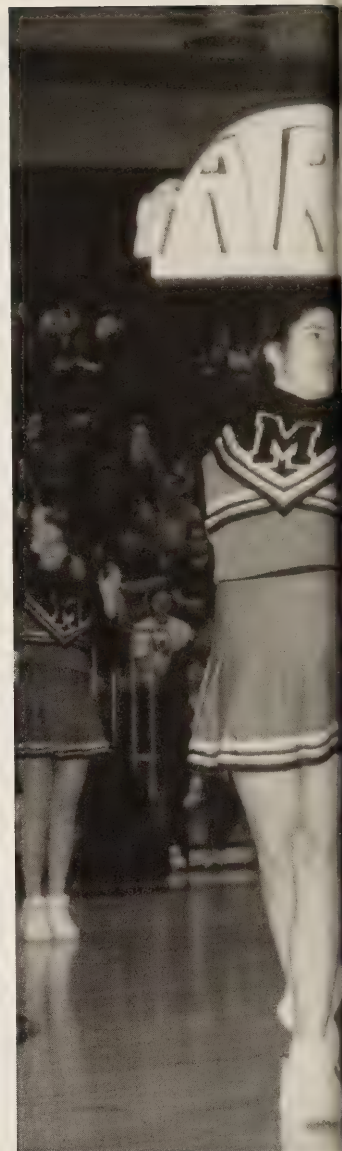
"It was a bit different from the average pep rally," he said, "but that's good. Change keeps it interesting."

by Casey O'Donnell

teamwork

Being hoisted up by the members of the basketball team, senior **Maurice Hayes** pumps up the crowd during the sports team introductions at the pep rally.

Photo by Jon Wassink.



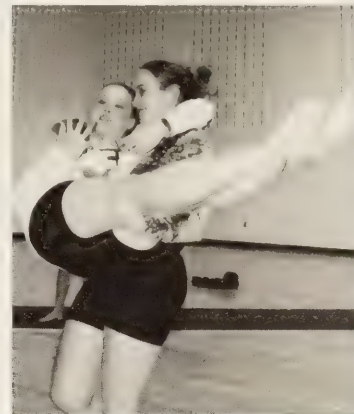


"cheer-leaders"

Lindsey Fuoco, Christina Hovey, Jeanie Payne, and Vee Crockett hold up signs urging the crowd to show their spirit and get them riled up. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*

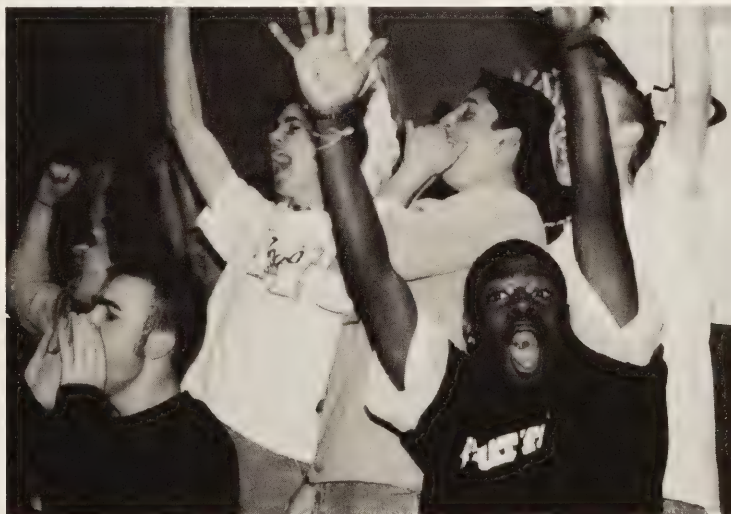
flexibility

During the winter pep rally, seniors Adrienne Edwards and Shannon Lucas show their flexibility which is needed to be a gymnast. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



shoeless

Representatives from each class listen to the rules before a relay race. The sophomores ended up winning the event. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



name-calling

While the Varsity basketball players are introduced to the students, junior Tim Allmond and senior Maurice Hayes wait for their names to be called. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*

Y2K

During the winter pep rally, seniors prove that they are the most spirited class. The class of 2000 went on to win the cheering competition. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1—During the Homecoming Pep Rally, senior Seth Myers smothers a whippedcream pie into the face of Sophomore Kathy Ovard. "The only time I really get embarrassed is when I'm in front of a lot of people," Ovard said. *Photo by Sandra Woodcock.* 2—Killing time before a home football game, Tanya Taylor, Tiff Evans, Alicia Apperson, chat with Mr. Pellegrine. "The last time I can remember being embarrassed is when I was talking about a principal and he overheard me," said Apperson. *Photo by Jon Wassink.* 3—After picking up information during college night at Spotsylvania Mall, senior Floyd Wood takes a break to shop for clothes. "The only time that I ever remember being embarrassed was when I was trying to impress some girls at age ten," Wood said. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.* 4—Concentrating on her task, senior Shan Lally bites her tongue while painting windows adjacent to the Senior Courtyard. "I never take good pictures," Lally said. "They couldn't have picked a more embarrassing picture to put in the yearbook." *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

wasn't my face red

As she let out a small chuckle, **Christina Perry** remembered it as, "the worst day of my life."

It was the first day of her freshman year in a brand new school with new people, new classes and teachers.

Perry recalled wandering aimlessly up another flight of stairs looking for her next class, staring down at her schedule. As she looked, she also tried to watch where she was going through the crowd. But as she neared the final step, her foot didn't quite make it to the top. Then, bam!

As her bookbag flew in one direction, Perry said she went in another. After falling across the stairs, she tried to get up quickly and act like it was no big deal. But she felt the blood rushing to her face, advertising her complete and utter embarrassment. A concerned teacher ran up to

her and asked her if she were okay.

"I thought I was going to die right there, really," Perry said.

Tifani Evans' said her memorable moment came on a school-sponsored ski trip. A guy she was interested in sat with her on the way to the resort; Evans was extremely happy.

After skiing for a couple hours, Evans decided she had to do something to get the guy's attention. It was obvious he was an experienced skier, so Evans decided to get his attention through her skiing skills.

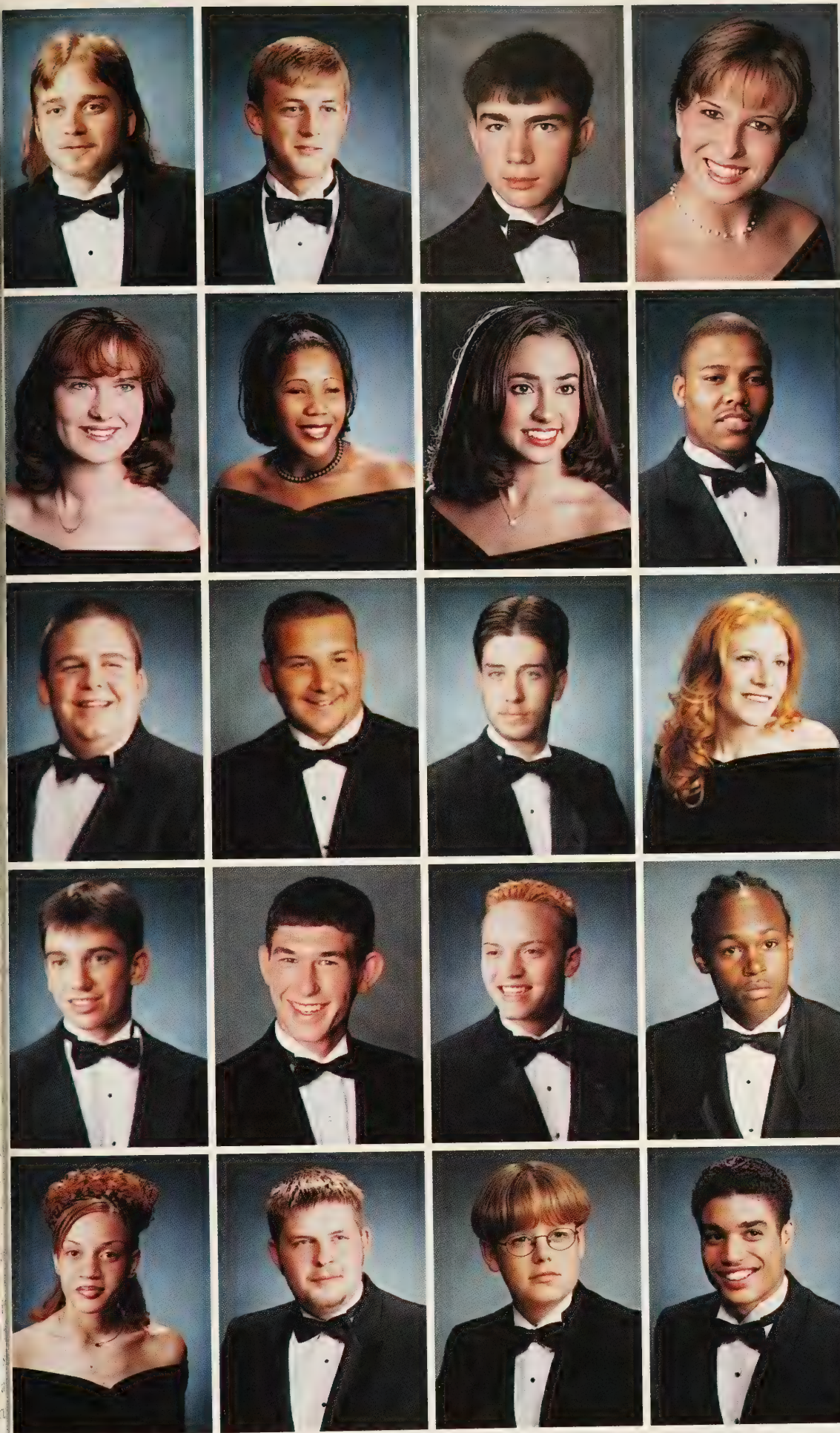
Evans said she hopped on

the next lift along with her crush. As the lift carried her up the mountain, she worked on her plan. She decided gracefully jump off the ski lift and glide down the mountain, and completely win his heart.

At the top however, Evans' plans changed. As she stepped off the lift, her ski got stuck in a pile of snow and she fell flat on her face. Evans said she felt incredibly stupid and wanted to die, but her crush laughingly helped her up.

It taught her a really important lesson, Evans said. Never try to impress a guy with a skill that you do not have.

• Casey O'Donnell



Joshua Stephen Acors

Brian William Anderson. Basketball 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Adventure Club 12.

Gregory Bonitz Andrews. Latin Club 10-12; FBLA 10-11; Magic Club 11; Lit Mag. 12.

Stephanie Lyn Antosh. Cheerleading 9, 11-12; French Club 9-11; Forensics 11-12; SCA 9, 12; Tennis 11-12; Basketball 9; Yearbook 11-12 (Photo Editor 12); NAHS 11-12; FCA 9-10, 12.

Alicia Marie Apperson. Softball 10; Marching Band 9-12.

Latoria Nichole Askew

Emily Patricia Bagby. Spanish Club 9-11; NSHS 12; VML 9-11; Cheerleading 9-12; Adventure Club 11.

Jihad S Baraka. FBLA 11-12; Peer Mediation 11-12; SCA 11-12.

Charles Nicholas Barksdale. SCA 9; Spanish Club 9-11; Volleyball Mgr. 11-12; Yearbook 11.

Robert Alan Basso

Timothy Lee Beazley. DECA 10-12; FFA 9.

Tamela Michelle Becker

Edwin Robert Berna. Football 9-12; Wrestling 10; Tennis 10-12 (Capt. 11-12); Spanish Club 9-11

Danny Ray Berry

Robert Nathan Berry. Yearbook 10-12; FBLA 11; Forensics 11; Drama 11; Soccer 10.

Stanley Ray Berryman

Melinda Anne Bethea

William Leory Blithe. Baseball 12; Football 9-11; SCA 9, 11.

Thomas Romain Bombardier. DECA 12.

John Joseph Boxley. Football 9-12; Track 10-12.

Tesherra Danielle Boxley. Indoor Track 10;
Outdoor Track 9-12; NHS 12; FCCLA 10-12; DECA
12; VML 10.

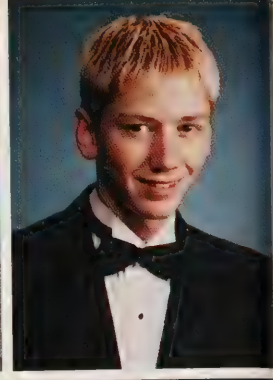
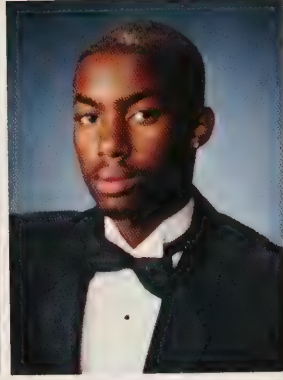
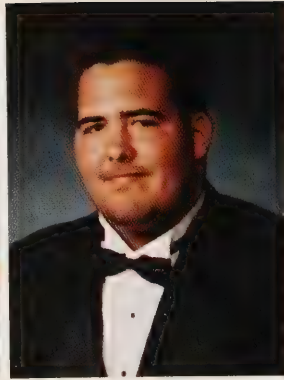
Robert Eugene Bradley. NHS 11-12; Football
9-12.

Boydton Sherwood Brooks

Brandon Allan Brooks

Christina Lynn Brooks. NHS 11-12; HOSA 12;
Symphonic Band 11; Concert Band 9-10.

Brenda Marie Brown. Spanish Club 10; DECA
11.



Kathleen Elizabeth Buckley. SCA 11; NAHS
11-12; Key Club 10-11; Spanish Club 10; VML 10,
12; School Safety Committee 12.

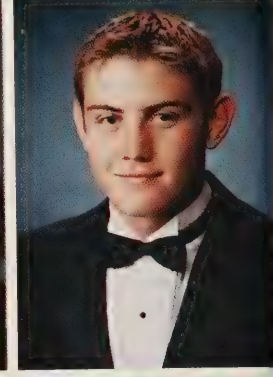
Monica Jenice Bumbrey

Jessica Marie Burnopp

Clifford Damien Campbell. Soccer 9-12; SCA
9-11; Spanish Club 9-11 (V.Pres.); Lit Mag 11-12
(Editor); Environmental Club 9-10.

Alexander David Carter. Football 9; Soccer 10;
Adventure Club 11-12.

Shannon Marie Carter



Misty Lynn Chapman. Softball 9-10; Volleyball
9-10; DECA 12; Drama 9-10.

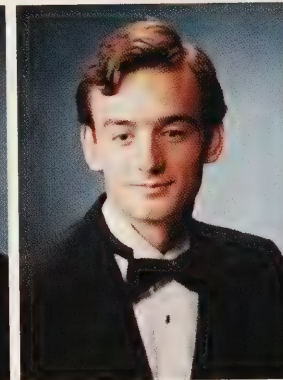
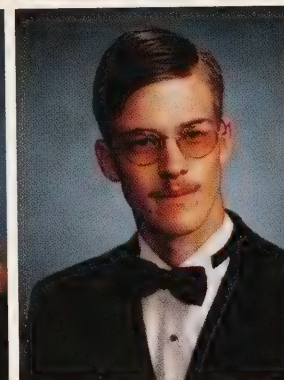
Richard Benjamin Chenault

Daniel Beale Chinault

Cherie Ebony Cole. FBLA 12.

Rennie Charles Coleman. Drama Club 9-12
(V.Pres. 11/Pres. 12); Interactors 9-11; Key Club 10;
French Club 9-10; SCA 10.

Ryan Patrick Coleman. Spanish Club 9-10.



Christina Yvonne Colley

Jeremy Jacob Colwell. Golf 11-12; Wrestling
11-12; Soccer 11-12; Spanish Club 11; NSHS 11;
FBLA (Pres.) 12.

Jennifer Lynn Connell. Soccer 9-12 (Capt. 11-
12); Drama Club 10; Key Club 10-12; NHS 11-12;
Latin Club 9-11; Newspaper 11-12 (Editor 11-12).

Rashawn Daemontae Cowles. Marching Band
9; SCA 9.

Katherine Ann Cowsert. SCA 9-10; Field
Hockey 9-12 (Capt. 11-12); Latin Club 9-11; Spanish
Club 10-12 (Treas. 11-12); Soccer 10-11; NHS 11-12.

Veronica Denise Crockett. Basketball 9-10;
Softball 9-10, 12; Cheerleading 9-12; Spanish Club
10; French Club 9; SCA 9-12; Drama Club 10.

Courtney Paige Danielson. FHA 10; HOSA
11-12.

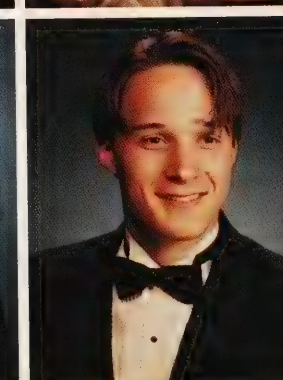
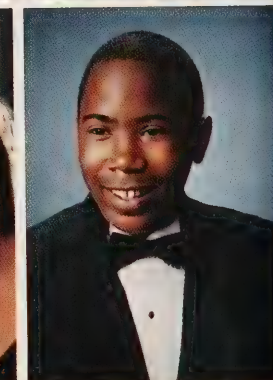
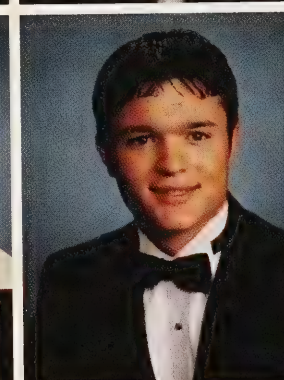
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Certamen 9-10; Drama Club 9-10; Concert
Chorale 11.

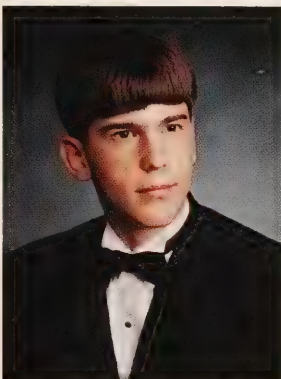
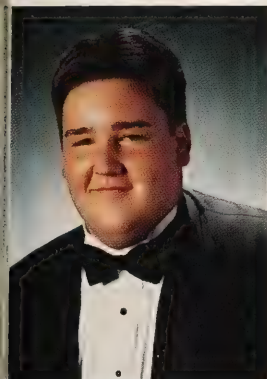
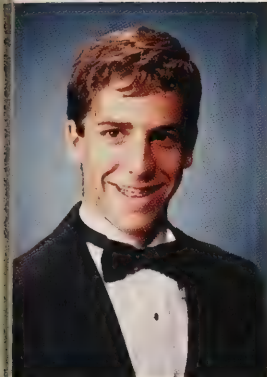
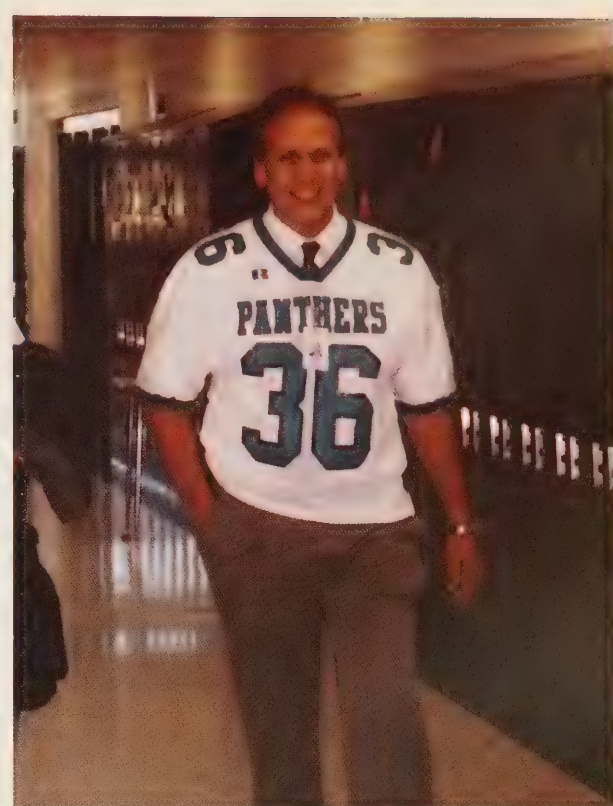
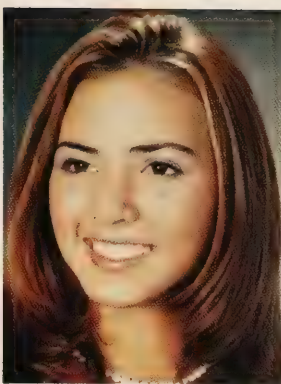
Joshua James Darkow. SCA 11 (Exe.
Board).

Travis William Darkow. VICA 11.

Heidi Marie Darmour. French Club 9-
11; NAHS 10-12 (Treas.); NHS 12; Key Club 10.

Glen Lee Davis





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1—The change to three lunch shifts was just another of the new things students had to adjust to. Despite the additional shift, first and second remained crowded. Junior Jennifer Pritchett talks during her lunch shift. *Photo by Ashley Ferren.* 2—Wearing a player's jersey on Spirit Friday, first year Principal Joseph Rodkey shows his panther pride. *Photo by Justin Nissley.* 3—A new event was added to the Homecoming festivities this year, a tailgate party. ICC asked clubs to set up a tailgate. Senior Matt Smith plays with his band La Cosa Nostra at the event. *Photo by Nick Barksdale.*

same school different year

A new principal, tighter security, a full-time Resource Officer and more people were differences during our second year.

New principal **Joe Rodkey** told students during power point assemblies that policies such as dress codes would be enforced.

"All of his changes for the new year were quick, but they were pretty fair. [Just the same] it was weird getting used to," said junior **Jeanie Losh**.

"I like that he's [Mr. Rodkey] enforced tighter security," said junior **Heather Schnell**. "It makes me feel a lot safer about coming to school."

But tighter security sometimes caused other problems.

"Gates are put up after school everyday at 2:45. It's a real hassle because in order to get my stuff out of the team locker room, you have to go outside and go around to another door just to get past the gates,"

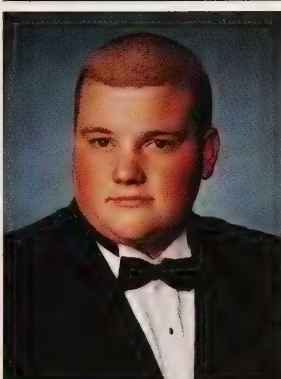
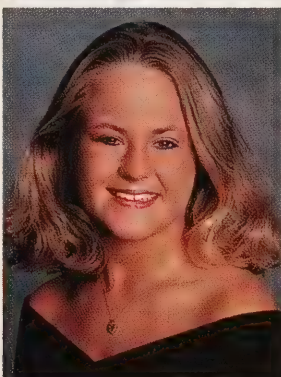
said freshman **Laura Moran**. "It really makes it hard for athletes who practice after school to get their stuff."

Perhaps one of the changes with lots of impact was the careful watch on students with passes. The idea was to insure that persons belonged and to prevent students skipping and roaming the halls.

"Every time I've been in the hall with a pass, a teacher has always asked to see it. They're a lot stricter about checking passes then they were last year," said junior **Kelly Romine**.

"No matter how many changes our school has gone through it is still the same school. Nothing can change that," said Schnell.

•By Sarah Moran





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1— In the garage you can find many interesting things. In Amy Roberts' garage she found her companion, Jake. She shows her love by giving him a hug. Many people are attached to their animals like this. 2—Showing love and affection is always good. Meghan O'Brien gets a loving kiss from her dog, Jewel. Photo by Charlie Wyatt. 3— Many dogs will greet their owners by showing some type of affection, and will always try to be your friend. Photo by Jon Wassink.

not just panthers

Some were unusual, some different, some perhaps even strange. But they were somebody's pet and somebody loved them.

"My rabbit isn't different, it's ordinary. I walk him with a leash," said **Lee Eustace**.

Pets were friends and companions who often offered comfort.

"My dog can tell when I'm upset. She comes and cuddles me whenever I am sad" said **Melissa McDonald**.

"My bird whistles at me whenever I come downstairs to go to school. I love hearing his whistle, it keeps me company when I'm alone" said **K.C.**

Cowsert.

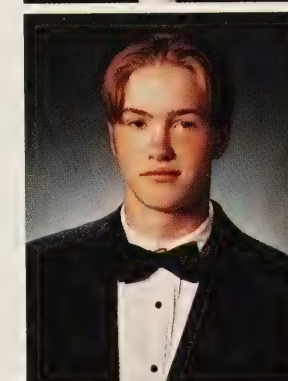
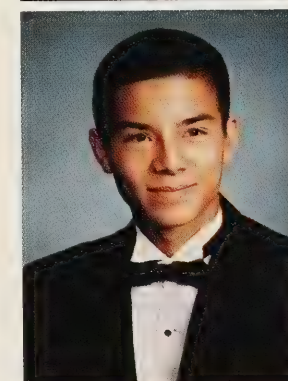
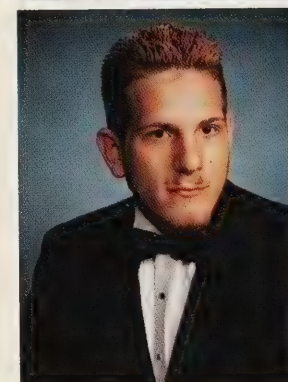
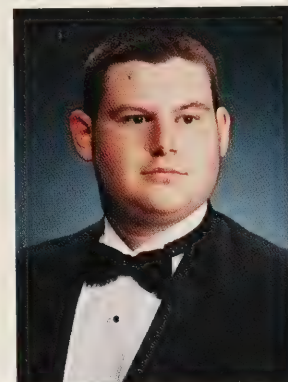
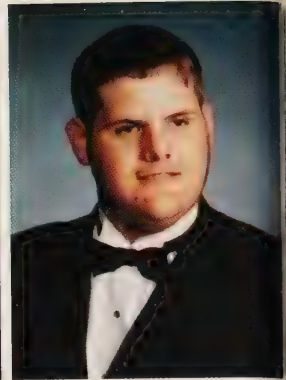
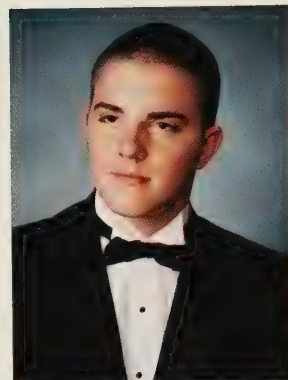
Losing a pet could be as traumatic as losing a human friend.

"My dad's dog was hit by a car. I didn't think I was attached to him until he died. I miss him very much and think about him at least once a day" said **Rebecca Lamb**.

And even those who didn't have pets for one reason or other, thought about changing that in the future.

"We've never had a pet. My brother is very allergic to any pet. I have always wanted a dog though. I figure I'll get one when I move out" said **Chris Lachaz**.

• **Floyd Wood**





Joshua Henry Davis-Kern

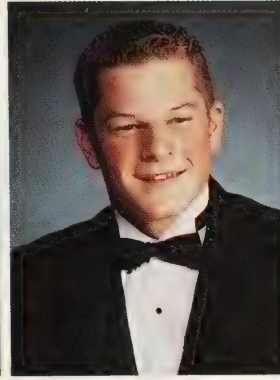
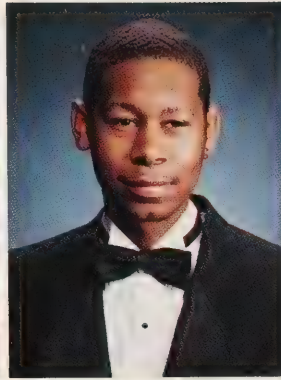
Jonathan Wayne Dayton

Christine Marie Deitz. Basketball 10-12; Volleyball 9-12; Latin Club 9-10; Junior Board 11; Senior Board 12; SCA 9-12 (Exe. Board); VML 10-12; Adventure Club 11-12; NAHS 11-12; Track 11-12; FCA 9-11; Lit Mag 9-11; Yearbook 10.

Sylvia Dolores Diaz. FHA 10-11; FBLA 11; DECA 12; FCCLA 12.

Tracy Lee Dodson

William Harrison Donovan. FFA 9-12; VICA 11; DECA 12.



Patrick Sheridan Dougherty

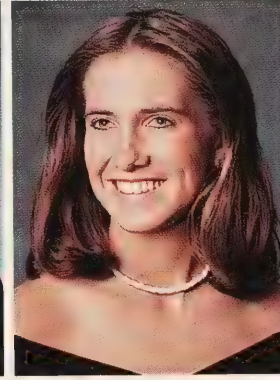
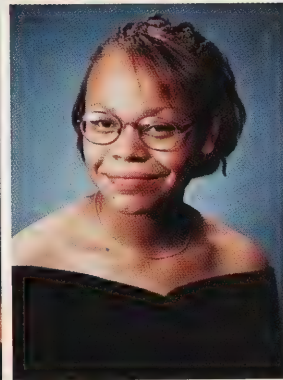
Jennifer Anne Downing. Debate 12; Forensics 12; Marching Band 9-10; Jazz Band 9; SADD 10; German Club 9; Latin Club 10.

Christen Marie Duchemin. Softball 9-12; Basketball 9; Cheerleading 10-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Adventure Club 11-12 (Pres.); FBLA 11-12; DECA 11; SCA 11-12.

Shannon Rose Duchemin. Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; FFA 12; DECA 11; Adventure Club 11-12 (Pres.); Key Club 9-11; SCA 11-12.

Terance Sirrell Dykes. DECA 12; FBLA 12.

Jonathan Bradford Eastridge. Drama Club 9-12; Spanish Club 11; Golf 9; Tennis 11; Indoor Track 9; Environmental Club 12.



Richard James Eby. VICA 11.

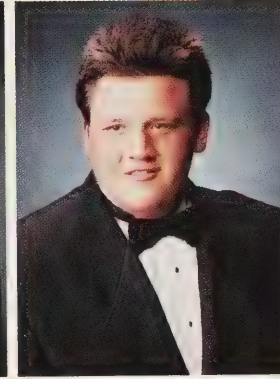
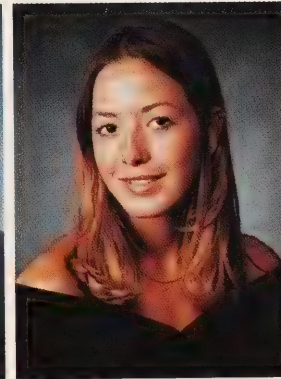
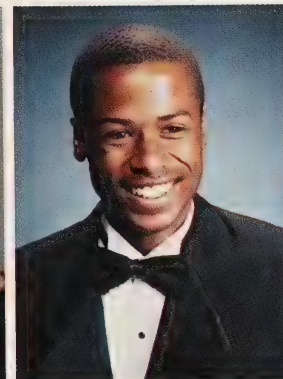
Adrienne Picard Edwards. Gymnastics 9-12; Softball 9-12; Cheerleading 11; Forensics 9; Latin Club 9-12; LHS 10-11 (Hist.); SCA 9; Adventure Club 12.

Elizabeth Ann Erndle. Cross Country 9-10; Key Club 10-12; German Club 10-11; VML 10.

Tifani Tiara Evans

Tiffany Malinda Evans. Marching Panther Pride 11-12 (Sect. Leader); Drama Club 10-11; Jazz Band 9,12; Pep Band 9-10,12; French Club 9-10; FCA 12.

Shannon Marie Falconer. Basketball 9-12; Volleyball 11; Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11.



Timothy Raymond Fenwick. Tennis 9,12; Spanish Club 10; FBLA 11.

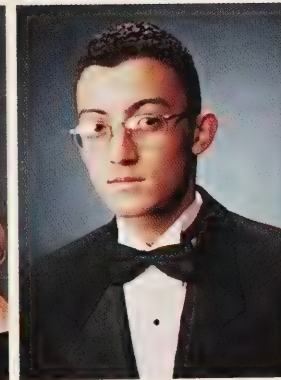
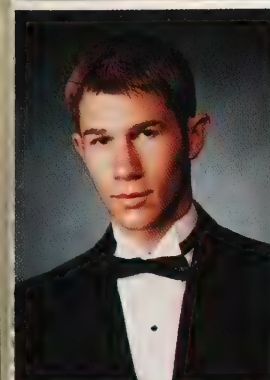
Anna Kathryn Fisher

Christina Marie Fleming. Latin Club 10.

Justin Montgomery Fletcher

Victoria Nicole Fortune. SADD 9-10; Spanish Club 10; Interact Club 10; SCA 9-10; Drama Club 10.

Willie Dean Franklin



Joshua Caleb French

Elaine Hunt Fugee. Spanish Club 10-11; Environmental Club 11-12; Amine Club 12; NAHS 10-12.

Michael Stephan Fuoco. Golf 10-12; NAHS 11-12 (Treas.).

Caroline Forbes Givens. Field Hockey 9-12; Cheerleading 9-11; Spanish Club 9-12; NSHS 12 (Rptr/Hist.); SCA 12.

George Gomez

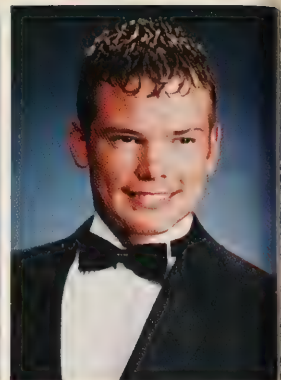
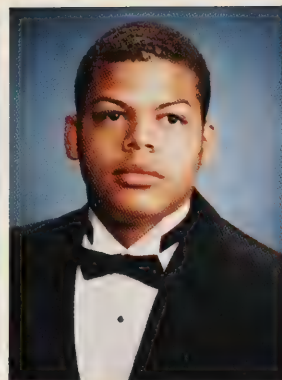
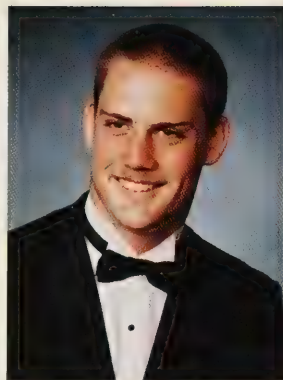
Ashley Laura Grant. Softball 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10; Basketball 9; Key Club 11 (Rptr/Hist); NHS 11-12; DECA 12.

Gilbert Glenn Grau. Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-10.

John Richard Grau. Football 9-10; Wrestling 9.

Shamar Lajuan Graves. Football 9-10.

Benjamin Green. FBLA 9-10; VICA 11-12; Swimming 12.

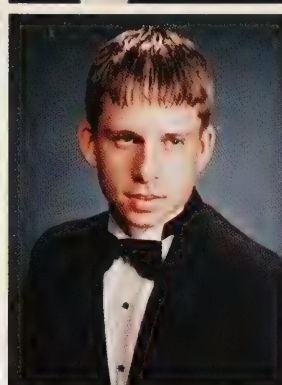


Emily Nan Gwartney. French Club 9-10; NHS 11-12; NAHS 11-12.

Natalie Hahn. Soccer 9,11-12; Swimming 11; Indoor Track 10; NAHS 9-12 (Pres.); French Club 9; German Club 10-11; Key Club 11-12; Debate Club 9.

Daniel Ray Hairfield. DECA 12.

Emily Rachel Hamblet. Volleyball 9,11-12; Interact Club 10-12; Key Club 11-12; French Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; Adventure Club 11; SADD 9,11; Debate 11.

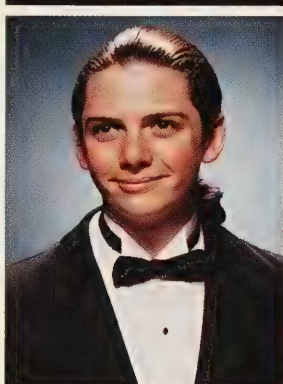


Kevin Patrick Handy. Chorus 9-12; Chorus Club 9-12; Drama Club 12.

Lindsay Gayle Harmon. Field Hockey 9-12; Swimming 11-12 (Capt.); Track 9-10; NHS 11-12; NAHS 11-12 (Pres.); Key Club 10-11; Senior Board 12 (Treas.); Junior Board 11; SCA 9-10; LHS 10; NSHS 11; Latin Club 10-11; Spanish Club 9,11.

Michael Paul Harris

George Millard Harvey. Spanish Club 9-10; FBLA 11-12.

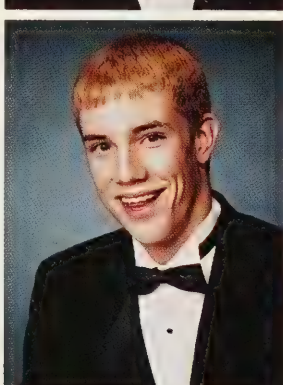


Cory Stephen Hatcher. German Club 9-10; VICA 11-12.

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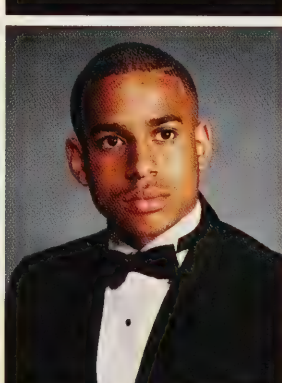


Adrienne Len Hayden. Softball 9-11; DECA 12; FBLA 9-10; Basketball 9-10; English Club 10; Spanish Club 9; Drama Club 9; FHA 9.

Amanda Mae Hayden. Soccer 10-12; FBLA 11-12; Spanish Club 9.

Maurice Jon Hayes. Football 9; Track 9, 12; Basketball 9-12.

Rachael Lauren Heard. Gymnastics 9-10; German Club 9; Varsity Club 11.



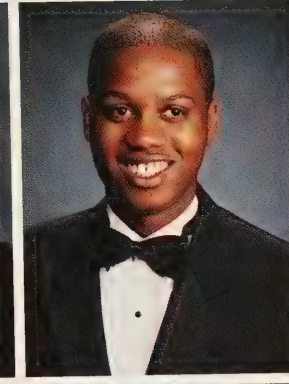
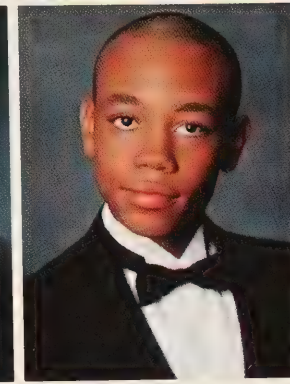
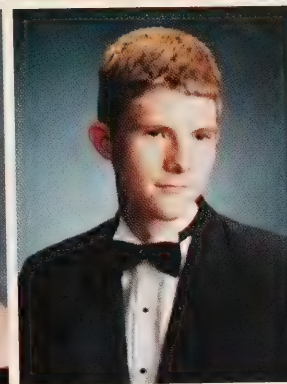
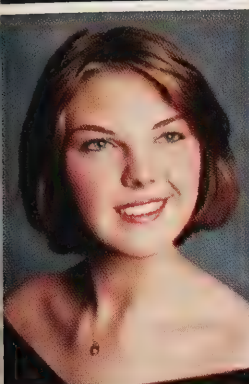


Marianne Page Hedrick

Nicole Rhea Heiman. Basketball 9-12 (Capt.); Volleyball 10-12; Softball 9-11; Senior Board 12 (VP); NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 10-12; Latin Club 11; NLHS 11-12; VML 11-12; NSHS 12.

Amy Jo Henderson

Stephanie Rose Henson. Spanish Club 9-10; Key Club 11-12 (Tres.); SNAPS 11; Junior Board 11; Yearbook 10; NHS 11-12; VML 10-12.



Patricia Elaine Hill. HOSA 11-12; FBLA 9-10.

Sean Michael Hogan. Track 9-10; German Club 11; Soccer 9-12; Choir 9-10.

Scott Evan Holland. Spanish Club 9-10; FBLA 11-12; SCA 9-11; Soccer 11-12; Marching Band 9-10; Jazz Band 9-10; James Farmer 9-12.

Kwai Michael Hopkins. NAHS 10; DECA 12 (VP); FCCLA 9-12; FBLA 9-12.

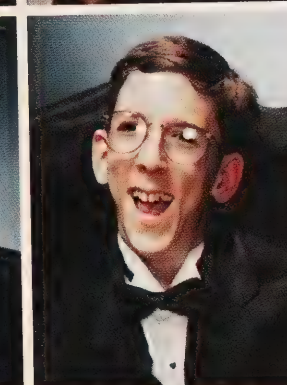
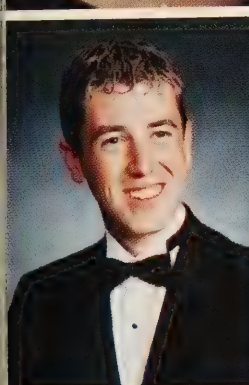


Christina Diane Hovey. Cheerleading 11-12; Field Hockey 11; SCA 9-10; Freshman Class 9 (Sec.); Junior Class 11 (Sec.); Senior Class 12 (Sec.); Spanish Club 9-11; NAHS 10-12 (Hist./Sec.); Interact Club 11; FCA 10-12 (Hist.); Tennis 10; JV Soccer 10; Adventure Club 11-12.

Latoya Denise Howard

Roger Lee Howard. German Club 9-10; DECA 10,12; Tennis 9-11.

Patrice Nicole Hughey

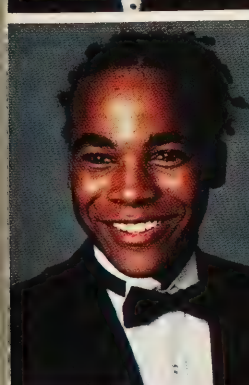


Shawn Patrick Humberger

Michael David Hunter. SCA 10.

Ashley Robert Jaderborg. Key Club 9; DECA 10-12.

Marie Annette Johnson. Concert Band 9-10,12; Symphonic Band 11-12.



Kelvin Travis Jones. Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Spanish Club (VP) 9-12; SCA 11-12; Key Club 9-10.

Lauren Keaton Jones. Spanish Club 10; DECA 10.

Rodnesha Lynnett Jones

Andrew James Joos

Darrell Wayne Kangas
Patrick Wayne Kennedy. NAHS 10-12 (Hist.);
 French Club 9-11.
Gilbert John Kenner
Christopher Adam Kenney. Concert Band 9;
 Symphonic Band 10; Chorus 10-12 (Pres.); FBLA.
Jennifer Elizabeth Kimmel. Marching Band 9-
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Donald Irvin Kines, Jr.

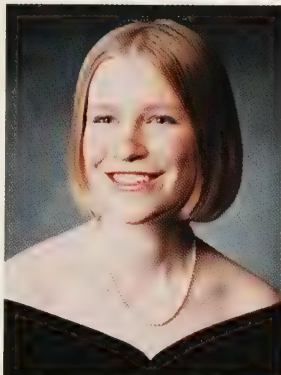


Nichole Renee Kosco. Spanish Club 11; NHS
 11-12.

Shannon Shea Lally. Key Club 10-12 (Pres.);
 French Club 9-11 (Pres. 11); FBLA 9; Yearbook 11-
 12 (Sect. Editor); ICC 11-12; VML 10-12; SCA 9-10;
 Junior Board 11; Senior Board 9.

Rebecca Sue Lamb
Amanda Valene Lambrose
David Charles Leith

Gerald Delono Lewis. Football 11; VICA 11-12;
 DECA 11.



Paul J. Little. Football 10,12; FBLA 11; FHA 11
 (Pres.); Basketball 12; Track 12.

Maximo Vitaly Lorenzo. Wrestling 9; Anime
 Club 12.

Shannon Megan Lucas. Softball 10-11;
 Cheerleading 10; Gymnastics 12; Soccer 12;
 Adventure Club 12; Spanish Club 11,12; NHS11,12;
 NSHS 12.

John Robert Luehrs. Spanish Club 9-12; Drama
 Club 10.

Andrea Renee Lyall. Class Pres. 9,10. Interact
 Club 11-12 (Hist., VP); French Club 9-12 (Sec.);
 Cross Country 9-10; SADD 10-11; FCA 9-11; SCA 9-
 11; NHS 11-12.

Denise Renee Machonis. Volleyball 9-12
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Michael Ross Mahr. DECA 12.

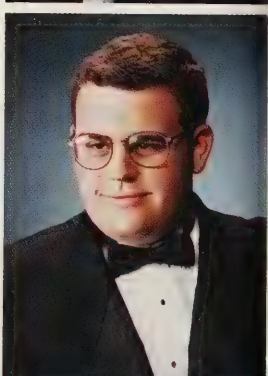
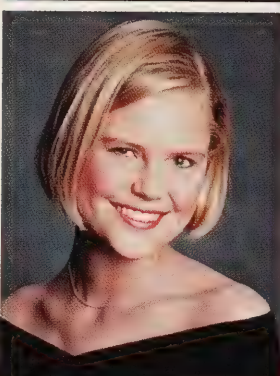
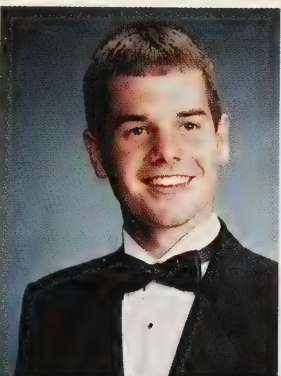
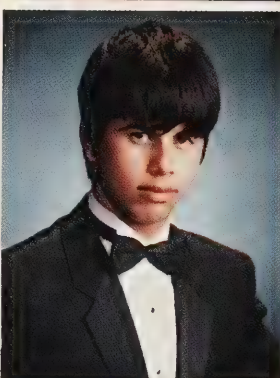
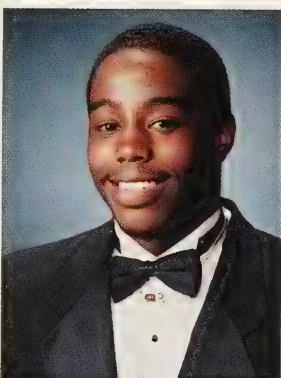
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Melissa Rae McDonald

Thomas Nicholas McGrath. VML 12; JML 10;
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Virginia Anne McIntyre

Walter Roland Merilic. Football 9.



Jacqueline Lindsay Messeder. Softball 9,11-
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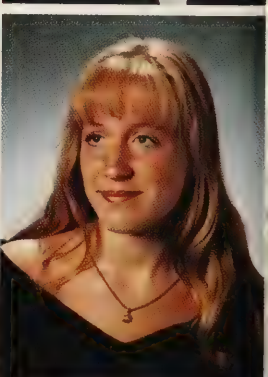
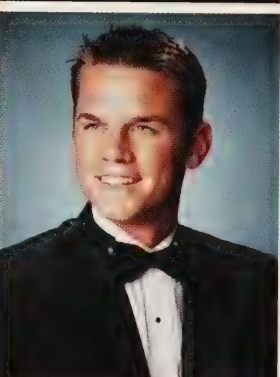
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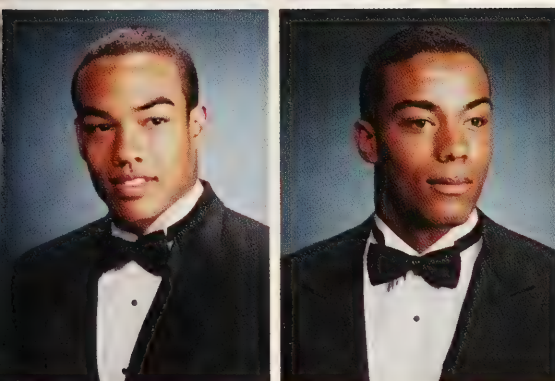
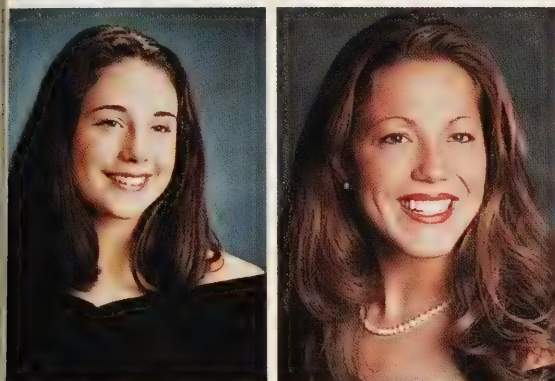
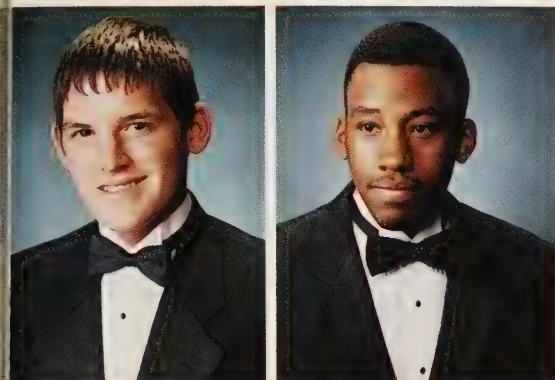
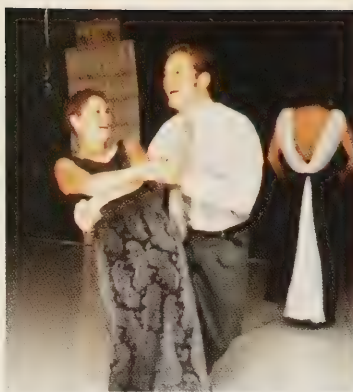
Ian Andrew Moon. Wrestling 9,11-12; NAHS12;
 Chorus 11-12; FCA 9.

Emily Jane Moore. Drama Club 9, 11-12.

Joseph Matthew Morin. Football 9-12; FBLA 12.

Kevin Paul Morin. Football 9-12; FBLA 12.





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1—As yearbook section editor, Robert Berry prepares photo envelopes to be sent out, he tells of his first year at Massaponax, "Spending my senior year here has been great so far. The people and teachers are great, and I wish I had transferred here sooner." Photo by Justin Nissley. 2—Transfer student of JM, Cole Eller, smiles for the camera as he enjoys lunch with his new friends. Photo by Segall-Majestic. 3—Senior, Marianne Hedrick, being dipped by her boyfriend at the homecoming dance is a new student of Massaponax Photo by Stevi Antosh.

new faces in the crowd

Glancing around the cafeteria, **Cole Eller** saw a sea of new faces. "It's been a pretty big change," Eller said.

Three months into the year, he was still adjusting to the people and ways of his new school.

In August, Eller moved from one part of Fredericksburg to another. Despite the small number of miles he moved, Eller's adjustment has been big. The sophomore spent the last two years at the city's James Monroe High School.

"...one of the differences with this school is the tension floating around in the air. JM was always a lot more relaxed than this school," said Eller. Our rules were stricter and more "military-like," he said.

On the other hand, **Showntee Smith** had nothing but good things to say about her new

school.

"I've made more friends in the two months that I've been here [at MHS] than I did in probably the entire two years at Bishop High School," said Smith about her last school.

In July, Smith moved here from Ft. Myers, Florida. At first Smith was upset about the move, but three months after coming she said she couldn't imagine being anywhere else.

"The only set back," Smith said, "is the lack of things to do in Fredericksburg. But besides that, I couldn't be happier that we moved here."

• Casey O'Donnell



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1- Seniors learn that during lunch the best thing to do is eat and then do the day's homework. Keith Parker does his homework at lunch. Photo by Colt Hagmier. 2- Instead of eating, a lesson is to study and get your work done for your next class. Johnathon Thomas, finishes up his homework for another class. Photo by Colt Hagmier. 3- Rest! Something everyone needs rest. Younah Pee, stops to rest after a long day of band practice. Photo by Leigha Surles

words to live by

Age had its privileges. Learning through experience was one of them, those if I only knew then what I know nows.'

Because he didn't realize how important grades really were, **Kevin Morin** regretted not putting his full effort into studying all of his subjects his first couple years of high school.

"Get your grades up and keep them up," Morin said. "...study, study, study."

"Try not to miss a lot of school," said **Jessica Burnopp**. "Make up work is the hardest work to do. [You] might as well just go to class and do it the easy way."

Grades were not the only area on which seniors offered advice.

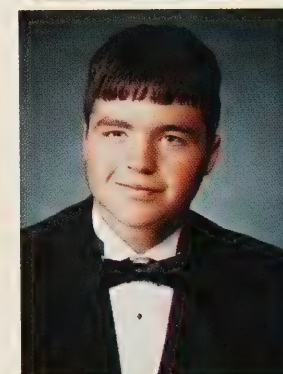
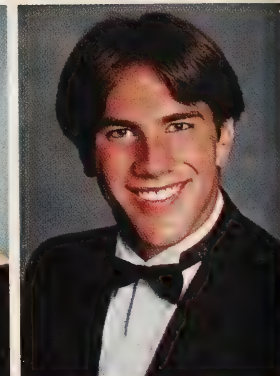
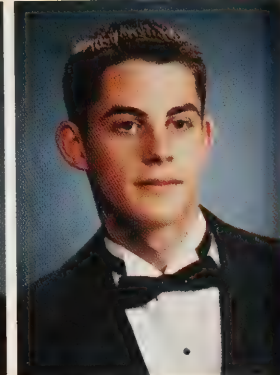
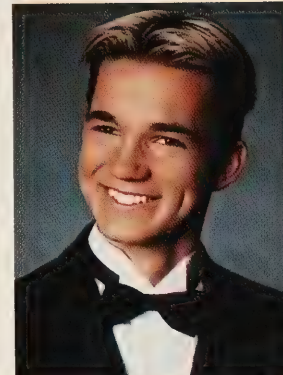
Students advised not to let the little things get you down, and to remember why you were here.

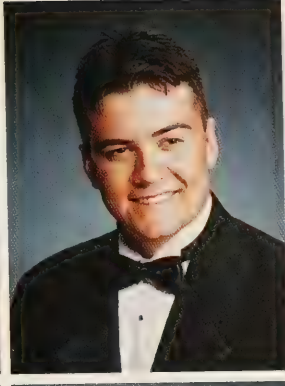
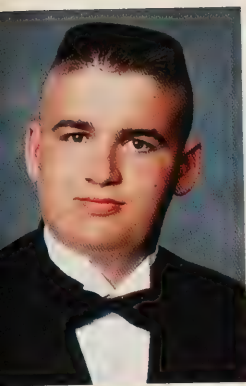
"Do not listen to people when they talk about you behind your back" said **Melissa McDonald**. "What they say now, isn't going to matter in the future."

Jenny Connell agreed.

"Don't let other people influence you," she said. "Don't worry about being part of the 'popular' crowd. It changes every year, sometimes every month. Focus on school work because that's what matters. You have to think about what you're going to do after you graduate. You can't just belong to the popular group for the rest of your life."

• Allison Sapp





Seth Allan Myers. Spanish Club 9-11; Drama Club 10-12; SCA 11-12; Soccer 9-10, 12.

David William Neverdon

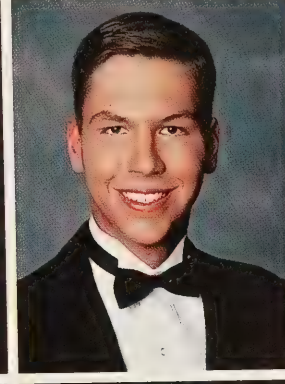
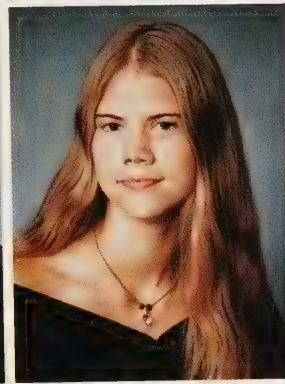
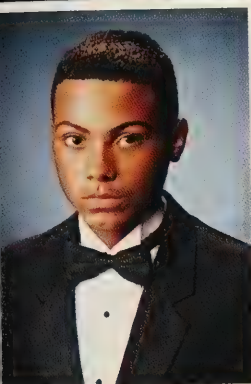
Dana Anthony Newton

Natalie Allyene Nielsen. FHA 9; French Club 9-11; Latin Club 12; Key Club 11-12; NHS 11-12;

Drama Club 11, 12.

Justin Michael Nissley. Football 11-12; Spanish Club 9.

Daniel Alexander Noel



Hunter Monroe Nolan. SCA 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10 (Treas.) 11; VML 9-10; Basketball 9; Yearbook 12; Peer Mediator 9.

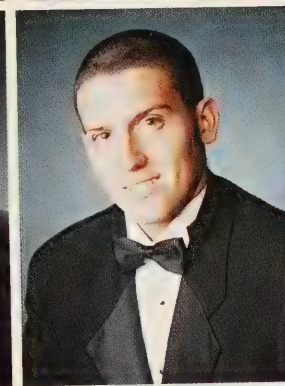
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Antonio Enrique Nunez. Football 12.

Meghan Kathleen O'Brien

Casey Ellen O'Donnell

Eric George Omonhundro



Jamie Marie Owens

Keith Stephen Parker. Swim Team 11-12 (Capt.); Cross Country 9-12 (Capt.); Latin Club 9-10 (Parli.) 11(Pres.); NHS 11-12; Key Club 11-12; VML 10-12; Freshman Class 9 (VP) Sophomore Class 11; Junior Class 11; Senior Class 12.

Richard Dwight Paytes. Football 11.

Justin Michael Patton. Soccer 9-12; FBLA 12; Environmental Club 9.

Jean Anne Payne. Drama Club 9-10, 11 (Sec.) 12 (VP); Cheerleading 11-12; NHS 11-12 (Sec.); French Club 9-11; Key Club 10-11; Marching Band 9-10; Lit Mag 11-12.

Younnah Pee. Latin Club 9-11; NLHS10-11; NHS 12; Key Club 11; Marching Band 11-12 (Drum Maj.); VML 10-12.

Joseph Scott Perry

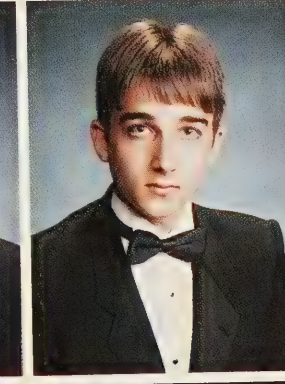
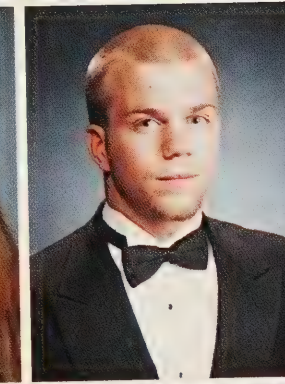
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Gerald Nelson Pitts

Deanna Marie Poole. DECA 11-12; FHA 11; Cross Country 10.

Jacob Allen Rathgeber

Bret Christopher Raymond. German Club 10.



Jamie Michelle Reavis. Spanish Club 11; Interact Club 12; FBLA 12.

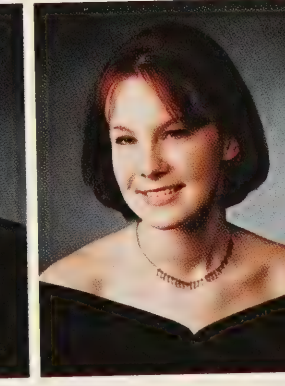
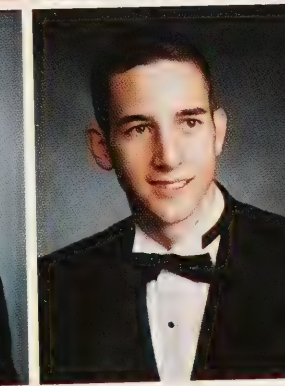
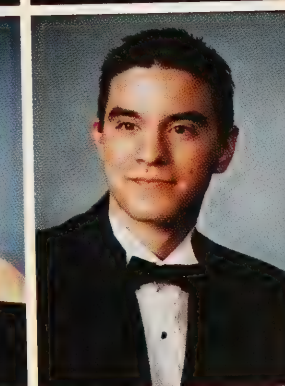
Daniel Brooks Resio

Rebecca Marie Richards. Soccer 9-12 (Capt.); Field Hockey 10-12 (Capt.); NHS 11-12 (VP); NSHS 12 (Pres.); SADD 10; Key Club 10-11; Spanish Club 10-12 (Sec.); VML 10-12; Wrestling Manager 12.

Jordan Aubry Robinson. Track 9; Drama Club 9-12; NAHS 11, 12.

Michael Russel Rocheleau. Track 9; VICA 11, 12; FBLA 9; Wrestling 10; French Club 10.

Stephanie Marie Rohacek. German Club 9-11; Track 9-10; English Club 9; Newspaper 12.

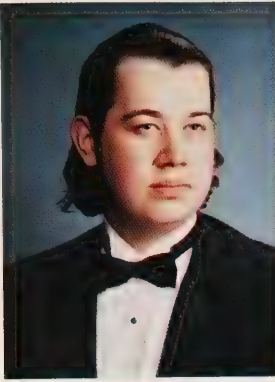


Heather Marie Rollins. Indoor Track 9; SCA 9;
Cheerleading 10, 11; DECA 11.

Charles Lloyd Russell. FFA 9-12.

Jennifer Lynn Saemann. Drama Club 9-12;
Spanish Club 9-11; NSHS 11-12; Yearbook 11-12
(Sect. Editor); Key Club 9-12 (VP); SNAPS 9-10;
Interact Club 12; ICC 11.

Marcovich Antonio Samuels

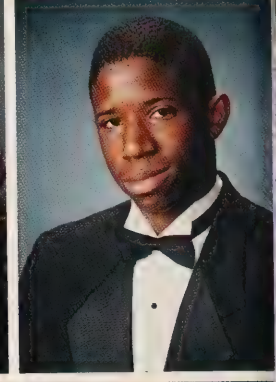
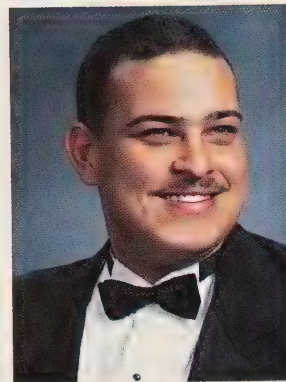


Raymond Sanchez

Ligia Raqual Santiago. Multi-Cultural Club 11;
Chorus 11-12; Debate 12.

Allison Lorraine Sapp. Field Hockey 10-12; Latin
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Club 11.

William Lloyd Sayles

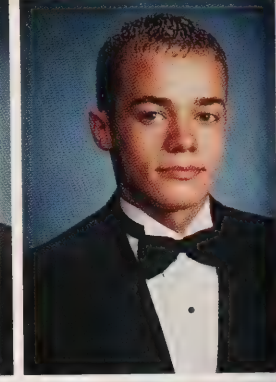
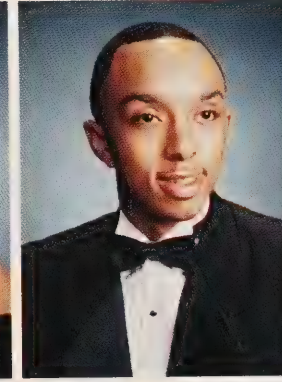
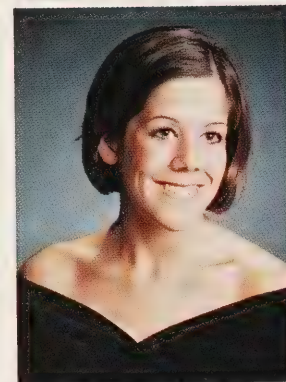


Julia Matteson Schiesser

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Thomas Holcomb Scott. Basketball 9-10; DECA
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Paul Randall Searle

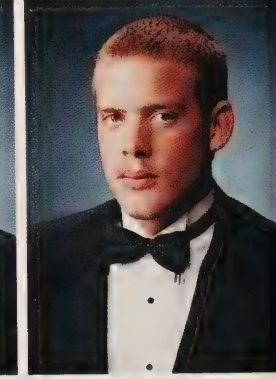
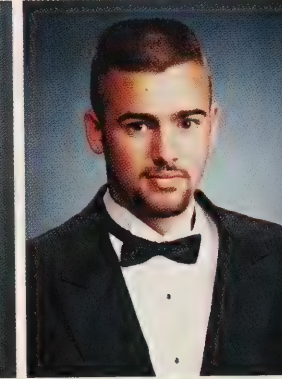
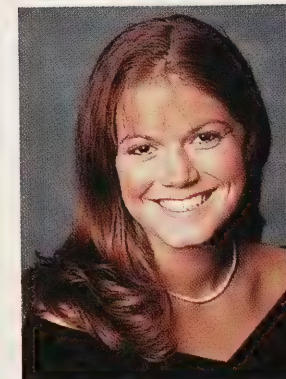


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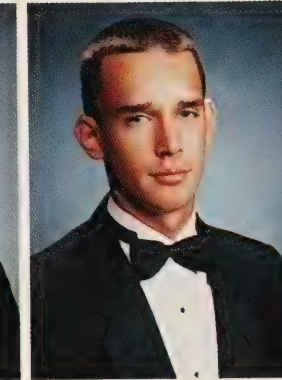
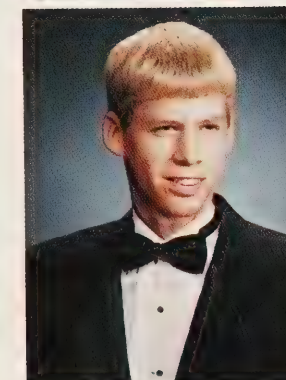


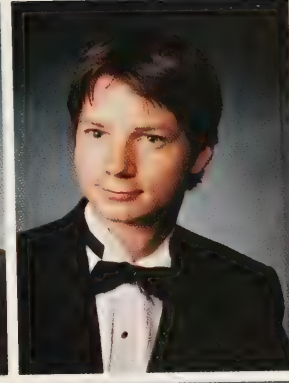
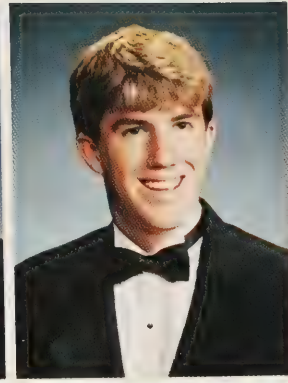
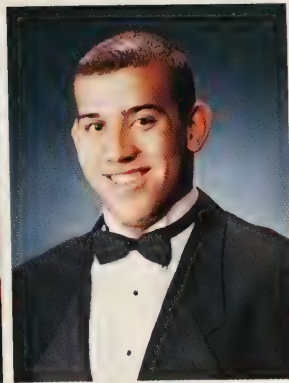
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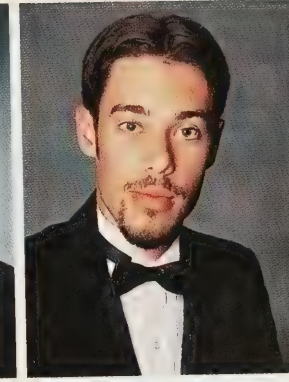
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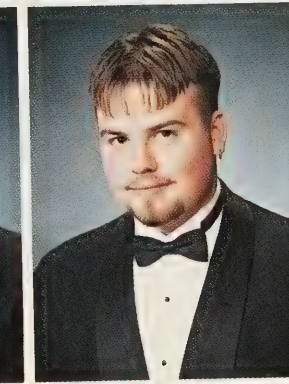
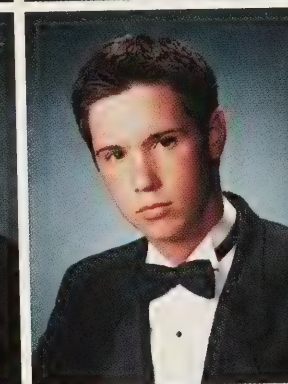
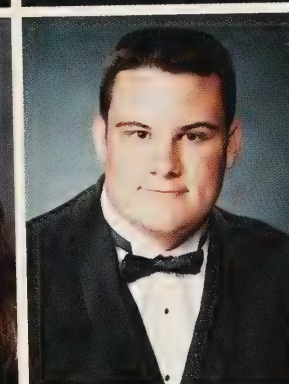




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Derek Travis Smith. Basketball 10-12.
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Matthew Allen Smith. Latin Club 11-12 (Pres.); Yearbook 11-12 (Sect. Editor).



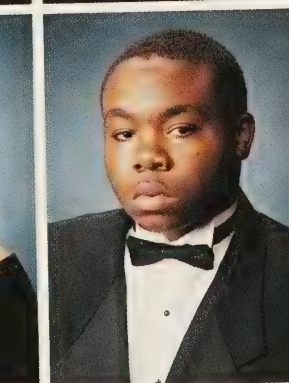
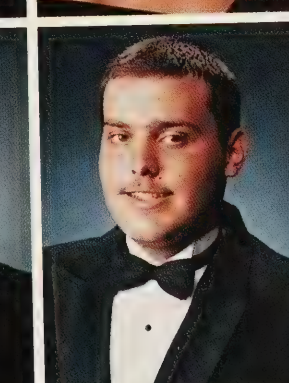
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Amy Marie Stallings. Spanish Club 9-11.
Jeffrey Scott Starnes
Scott Phillip Strange



Katie Sue Streeff. French Club 9-10; Key Club 10-12; NAHS 10-12; NHS 11-12; SNAPS 11 (Rept/Hist.).
Brian Francis Strong
Glen Howard Sturtevant. Soccer 9-11; Basketball 9-10; Latin Club 9-11; FBLA 9-10; Key Club 9-10.
Ryan Joel Tapio



Hobart Taylor
Tanya Robin Taylor. Spanish Club 9-10; Jazz Band 9-12; Marching Band 10-12; Pep Band 10-12.
Amanda Lynn Thomas. SADD 10-12; SCA 11; Spanish Club 9-10; Pep Band 9-10.
Erica Denise Thomas. Cheerleading 12; Chorus 11-12.



Jonathan Ryan Thomas. FCA 10-12 (Pres.); NHS 11-12 (Pres.); NSHS12; Key Club 11-12; Interact Club 12; Spanish Club 9-11; Sophomore Class 10; Junior Class 11; Senior Class 12; FBLA 9.
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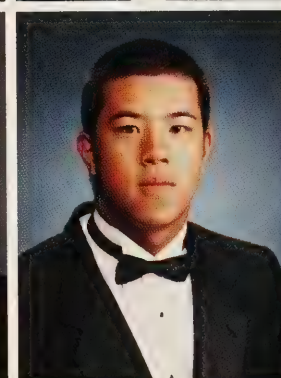
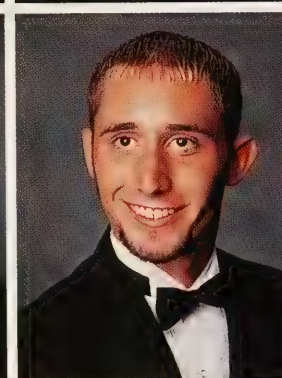
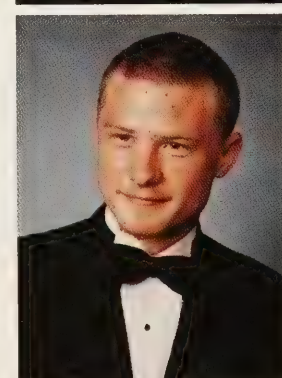
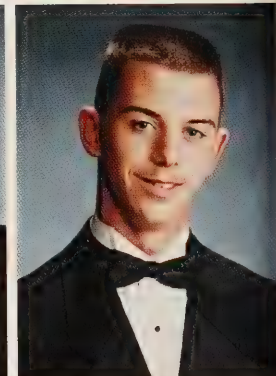
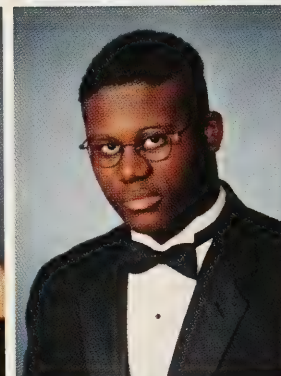
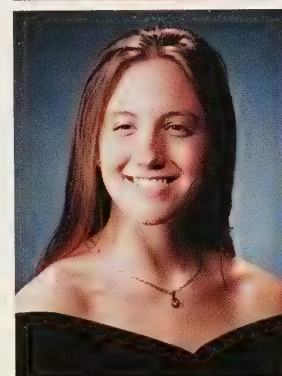
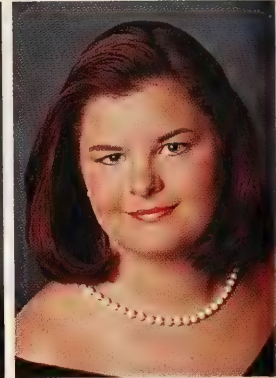
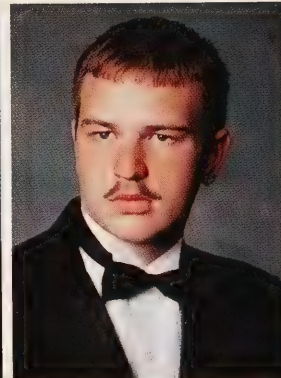
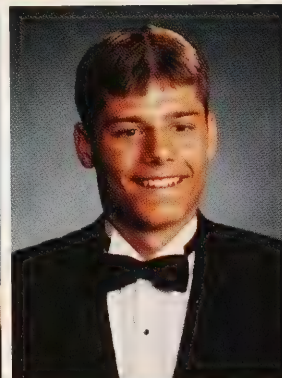
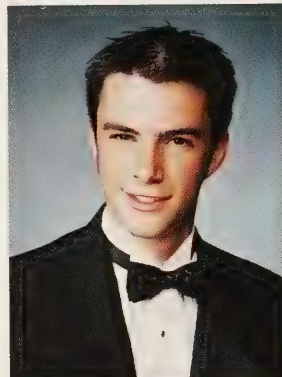
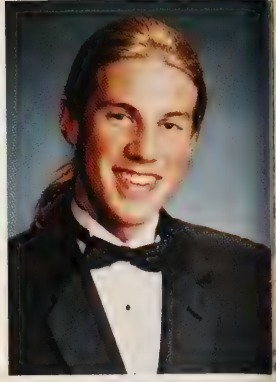
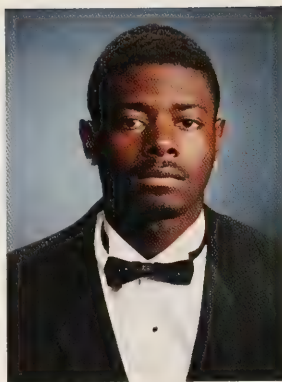
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Elita Leanne Walker. Soccer 9-12; Cheerleading 11-12; SCA 10-12; Yearbook 11 (Editor); Senior Class 12 (Pres.); Interact Club 10-12 (Treas.); Key Club 10-11; Spanish 10-11; ICC 11; Forensics 10-12.
Trevor Martin Walsh. Football 9; VML 9-12; FBLA 11.
Adrienne Desiree Ward. Soccer 9-12; Key Club 11-12; Marching Band 9; SCA 11; Drama Club 9-10; Latin Club 9-10; Newspaper Staff 10.
Shnia Nichelle Washington

Jonathan David Wassink. SCA President 12; Lit Mag 11-12; ICC 12; Peer Mediator 11; Yearbook 12.
Donna Ann Watson
Rachel Anne Watson
Renee Beth Watson
Ronda Elaine Weatherhead
Sara Lyn West

Caroline Gwen Westover. Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12; Drama Club 9-12; Interact Club 11-12 (Sec.); Sophomore Class Board 10 (Treas.); Junior Class Board 11 (Treas.); SCA 11; NHS 11-12.
Ryan Scott Westveer. Football 9-12; Spanish Club 10.
Benjamin Thomas White
Kimberly Dawn Whittaker
Chassidy Lynn Williams. FBLA 11; DECA 12; FFA 12.
Gregory Thomas Williams. Football 10; Track 11; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-12; SADD 9-10; SCA 9-10.

Krystin Brooke Williams
Raeshawn Katina Williams
Timothy Bradford Williams
Thomas Allen Windsor
Floyd Alvin Wood. Yearbook 11-12 (Sect. Editor).
Devin Keith Wright. Soccer 9-12; Yearbook 10-11; SCA 9-12; Environmental Club 11; Adventure Club 11-12; Key Club 9-10; Spanish Club 9-12; FBLA 12.

Joseph Edward Wyatt. FFA 9-10; VICA 11-12.
Jason Richard Yench
George Yin. Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12 (Capt.); Spanish Club 9-12; VML 9-12; Adventure Club 11-12; NSHS 12; Key Club 10-11; Environmental Club 11-12; Yearbook 11; FBLA 11-12.
Jason Andrew Young. French Club 10; Football 9-12; Wrestling 10-12 (Capt.); Tennis 10.
Jonathan Daniel Young. Soccer 9-10; Spanish Club 9-12; VML 11-12; SCA 10.





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1—Driving gives students like Erin Chapman and Caroline a chance to sing along with their radios everyday before and after school *Photo by Jon Wissink*. 2—Just like the old college prank, Kelly Beth Broom, Andrew Rayburg, Kelvin Jones, Chris Barksdale, Justin Newton, and Nick Barksdale see how many people they can fit into Glen Grau's family minivan *Photo by Ryan Coleman*. 3—While waiting for the bus to start, Charles Russell, a senior in the FCCLA went on a trip to the State Fair on Tuesday, September 28 *Photo by Christina Colley*.

your ride is here

For most people, a 16th birthday meant the same thing, that elusive and highly anticipated driver's license was now in their grasp.

A driver's license meant many things for its owner: maybe a part time job, more personal freedom, or maybe even a brand new car.

It brought to many the privilege of driving to and from school. That usually had a positive impact on a person's day.

It meant precious minutes of sleep for senior **Gil Kenner**.

"Being able to drive usually lets me sleep in until about 7:00 a.m. and I can still get to school on time...mostly," said Kenner.

Students not old enough to drive caught rides from older friends and neighbors.

"One of my neighbors is a senior and he gives me a ride to school everyday. It's nice because I can sleep a little later and eat breakfast pretty regularly. I just have to pay him a little gas money every week," said freshman **Patrick Banville**.

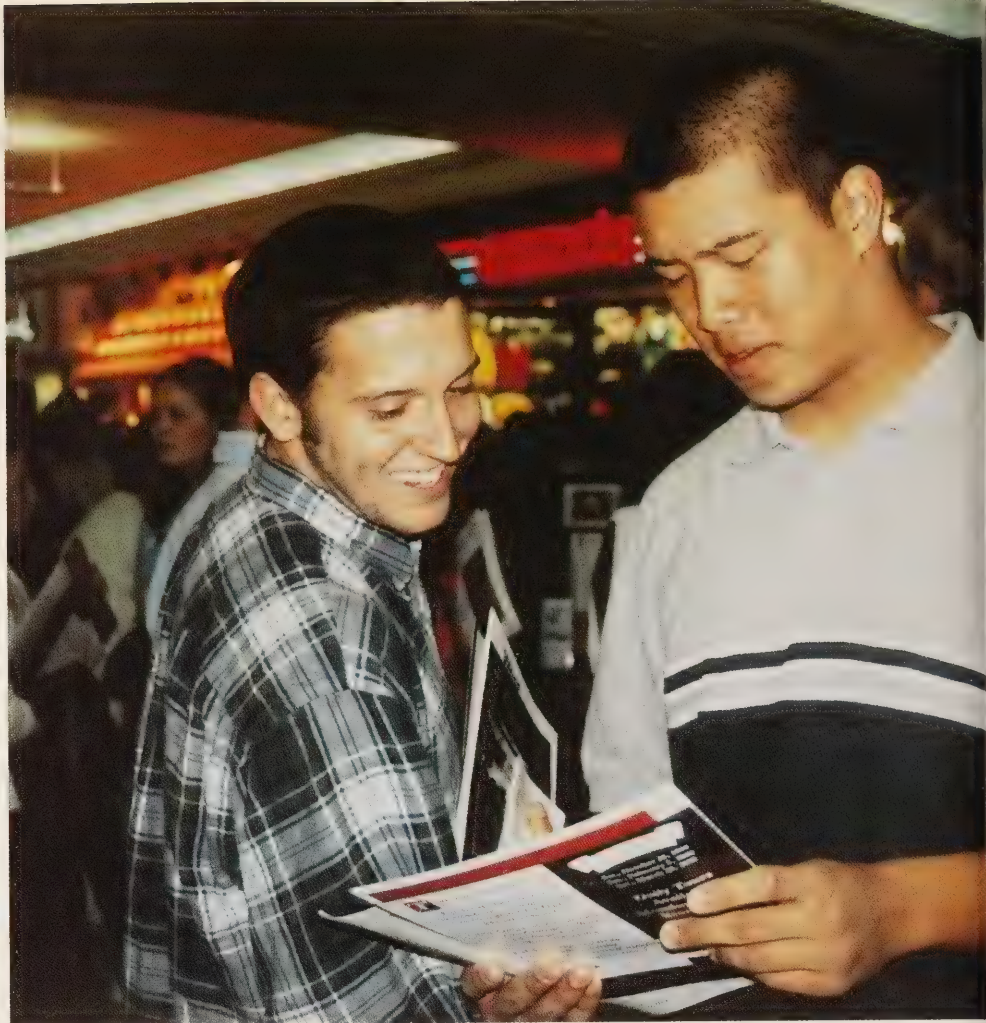
Those students unable to find a ride, usually rode the bus.

"I have to get up at 6:00 a.m. every morning. It's pretty hard to get out of bed," said freshman **John Russell**.

But Russell found a perk in his more time consuming trip.

"One thing that's good about riding the bus is that I can get some homework done if it needs finishing. Sometimes that comes in handy."

• Matt Smith



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1— Checking her newly acquired pile of pamphlets, senior Katie Buckley ensures her needs are met. *Photo by Justin Nissley.* 2— Throwing an over-the-shoulder grin to senior George Yin, classmate Justin Patton as they plan their future. *Photo by Justin Nissley.* 3— Gathering more information, Senior Buddy Meadows increases the size of his pile of collegiate information. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.* 4— More than 100 colleges had representatives present for College Night. Looking at yet another college display, Shamica Grave and Sylvia Diaz make their way through crowd. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

looking to the future

College, it was the \$40,000 experience. Our lives were full of decisions—about scholarships, student loans, whether to attend for two years or four, whether to live in dorms or off-campus.

College Night gave students the opportunity to gain information about their choices for the future and their decisions about higher education.

The annual event at Spotsylvania Mall allowed students not only to get information from a variety of

colleges and universities, but gave them an opportunity to speak with school representatives.

Some students, such as April Flath, already had in mind what they were looking for.

"I didn't really learn a lot of new things, I mainly looked further into colleges I was already pursuing," said Flath.

Derrick Sears was looking for schools with accessible professors.

But that was not so for **Peter Servel**.

"I wanted to see what Virginia schools had to offer," said Servel who had not yet narrowed down his expectations.

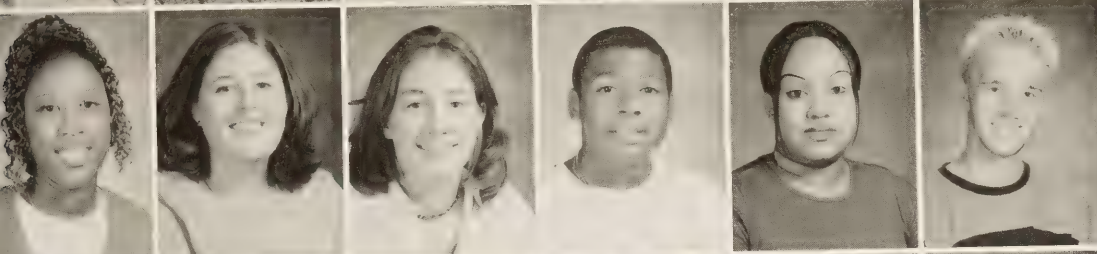
No matter what you were looking for, College Night was a good place to start when thinking about your life after high school.

"College is an opportunity to improve your status in life, believe the self-motivated should go" said junior **Anthony Lee**.

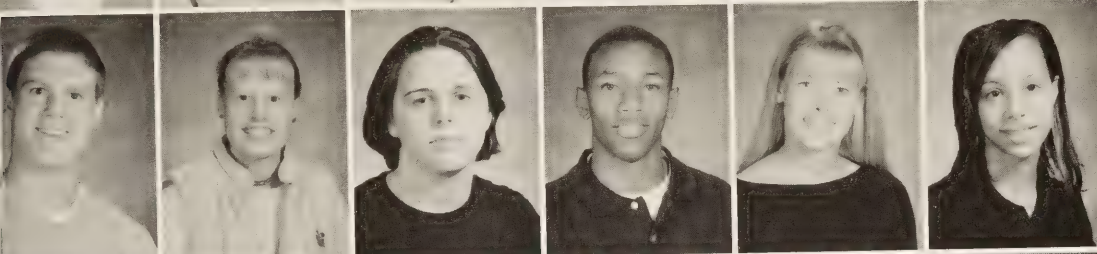
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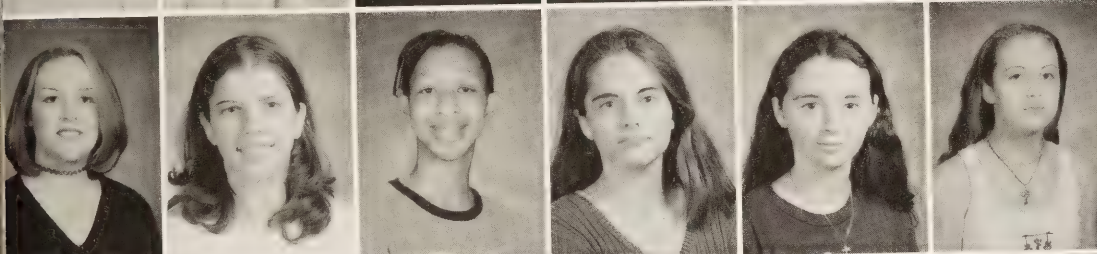
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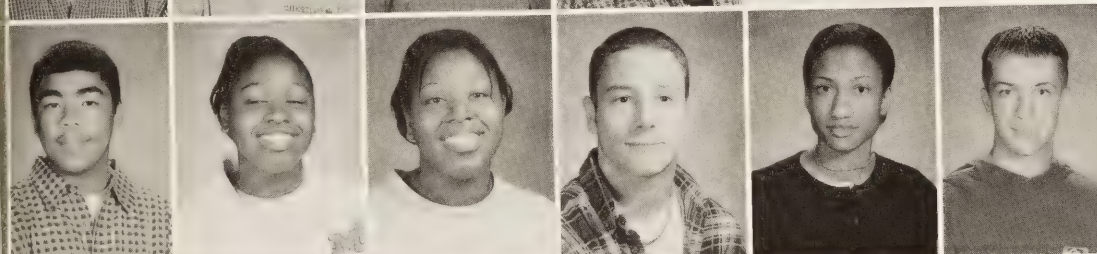
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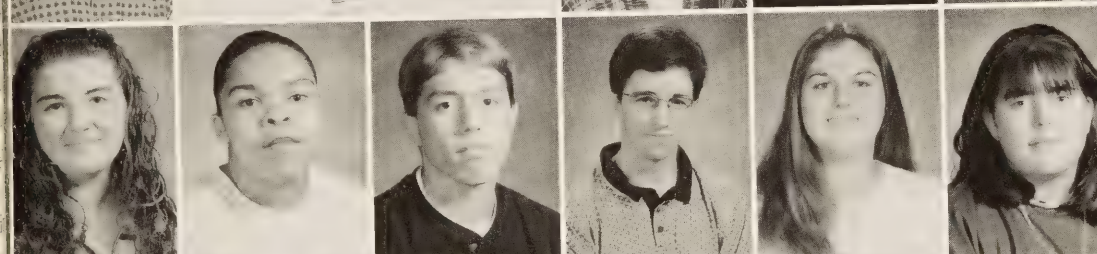
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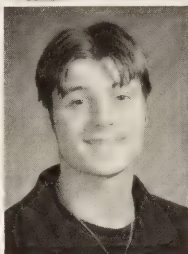
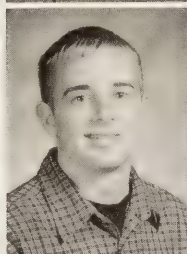
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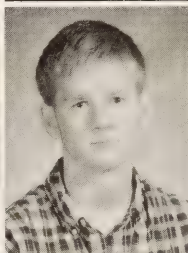
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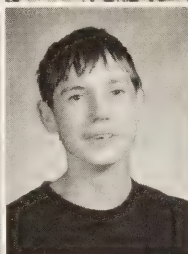
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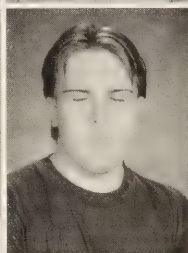
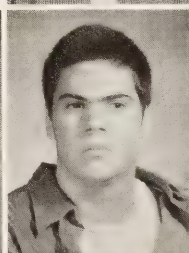
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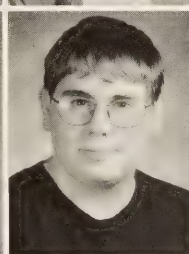
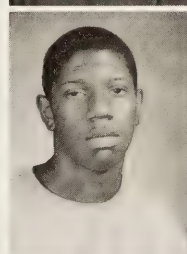
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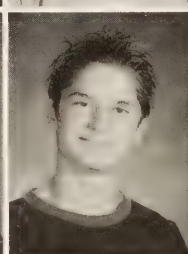
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Timothy Hepp
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Anthony Hines
Stephanie Holland



siblings



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1-Freshman Laura Moran in English class. *Photo by Kelly Romine.* 2-Gina and Younah Pee sharing their hobby of music. *Photo by Leigha Surles.* 3-Kathy Ovard and Carmen Rios both go to school with siblings. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.* 4-Sandy Black at her locker. *Photo by Meghan O'Brien.* 5-Letitia and Lenora Bowler discussing their plans for the future at college night. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.* 6-Josh Cox in Biology Class. *Photo by Nick Barksdale*

all about family connections

SHARING, IT'S A FAMILY THING, A FAMILY THING THAT EXTENDS EVEN TO SCHOOL. "I ACTUALLY DON'T MIND GOING TO SCHOOL WITH HIM, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I HARDLY EVER SEE HIM," SAID **EMILY BAEZ** ABOUT HER YOUNGER BROTHER, BRIAN. "MAYBE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE IN THE HALL AND AT LUNCH, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT."

An older sibling may have ruled the school for a year or two, have had his/her own group of friends to hang out with, established a table at lunch, and a place to talk to friends before school.

A younger sibling may changed the established order of things.

"The only understanding we

have is to not bug and totally embarrass one another [while at school]," Brian said. "And both parties need to follow the rules of the agreement."

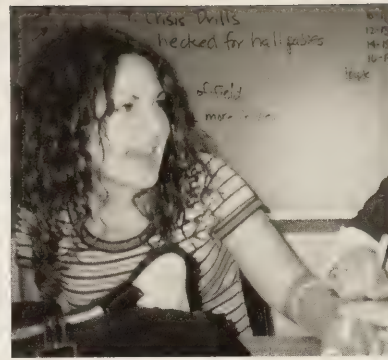
"We don't tell any personal or embarrassing stories in public for everyone to hear, not that I would do that," he added.

No matter how annoying they seemed, at times siblings were a blessing in disguise.

"When I was in kindergarten, I hated tuna fish and loved peanut butter and jelly sandwiches," said Brian. "One day, I was accidentally given a tuna fish sandwich for lunch and Emily got my peanut butter and jelly. I started to cry. She came down from her class and gave me her peanut butter and jelly and she took the tuna fish sandwich."

By Jennifer Klarman

walking wounded



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1-Jennifer Klarman and Jennifer Ziegler in Yearbook on Ziegler's birthday, after she broke her arm in a car accident. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.* 2- Rebecca Richards, uses crutches after tearing a ligament, chats with Elita Walker at on of the tailgate parties. *Photo by Jon Wassink.* 3-Jennifer Zielgler getting her cast signed while in class. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.* 4-Jay Toles talks with Antonio Nunez while on crutches. *Photo by Cindy Tidings.* 5-Nichole Heiman and Denise Machonis at the Motivational Assembly. *Photo by Erica Thomas.* 6-Christine Deitz struggles to get up out of her desk. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

on the injured list

THEY MOVED THROUGH THE HALLS VERY SLOWLY, STOPPING AGAIN AND AGAIN BECAUSE OF CROWDS OF PEOPLE. "IT'S A PAIN BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T GET OUT OF YOUR WAY AND EVERYBODY HAS SO MANY JOKES," SAID **JAY TOLES**.

Toles' knee was badly injured during football season when two people hit him two different ways at the same time. Toles used crutches for a month before his surgery and about 3-4 weeks following the surgery. Toles said it took him about two weeks to get used to his crutches but even then he still had problems getting to

class on time.

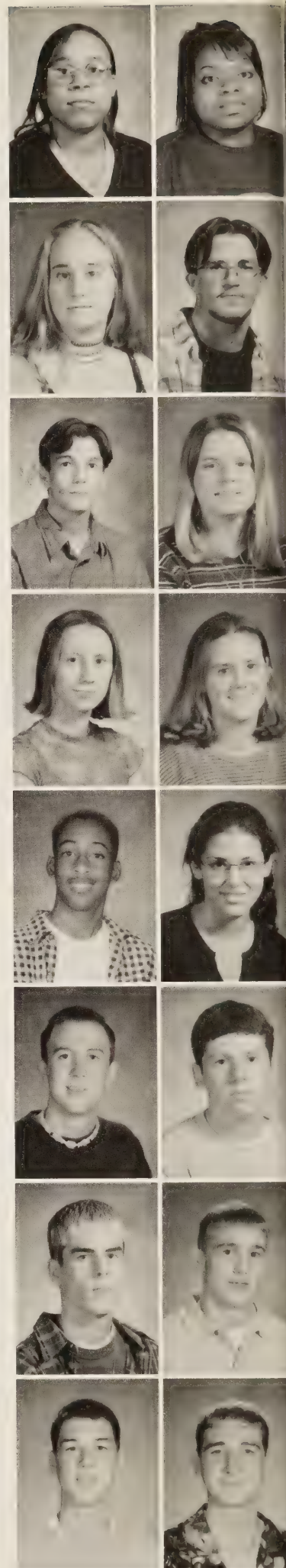
"It always took a little longer then when the tardy bell rang because I would wait for the hallways to clear out so everyone wouldn't knock me over," said Toles.

Another of the 'walking wounded' was **CJ Simmons**. Simmons had to wear a sling after breaking his pinky during football

season. The injury happened while he was trying to catch a football and it bounced up and broke his finger.

"Never underestimate the pain of a broken finger because it hurts real bad," Simmons said. As a result of the injury, Simmons had to have a rod put in his finger. It joined the one in his middle finger from an injury last year. It took him about a month to get used to the rods in his fingers.

By Jeanie Losh





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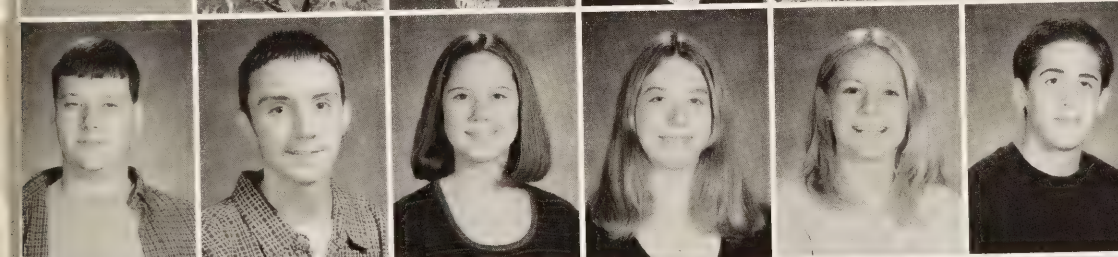
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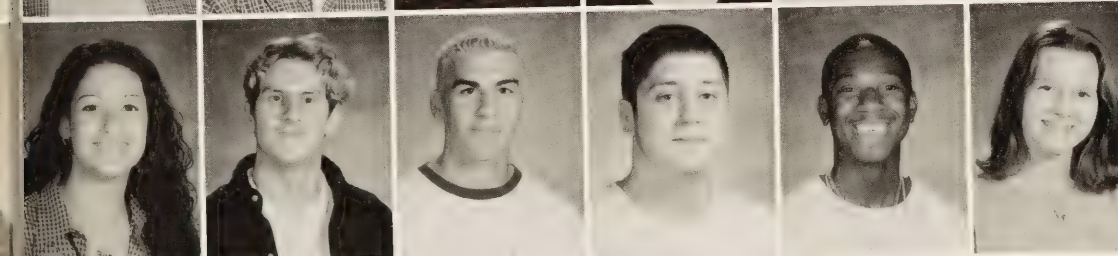
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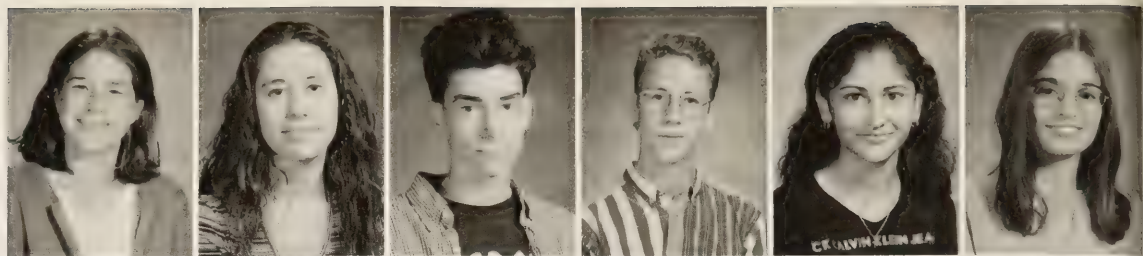


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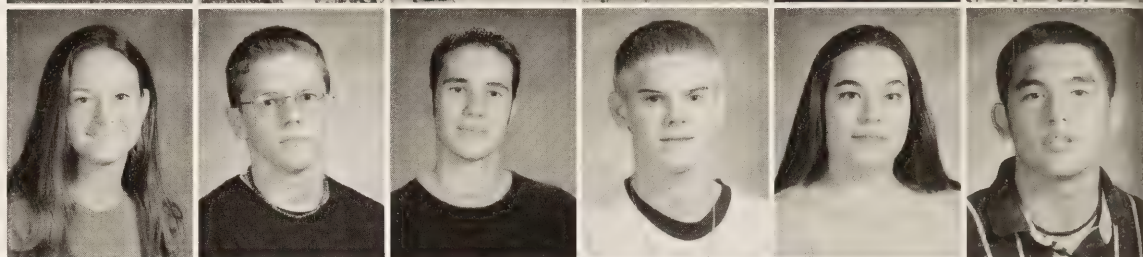
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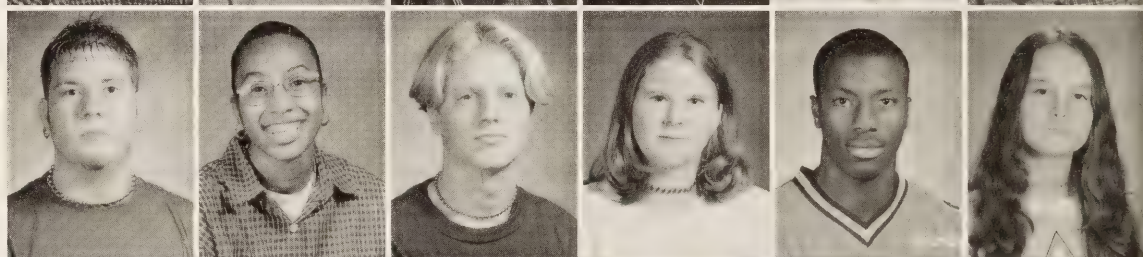
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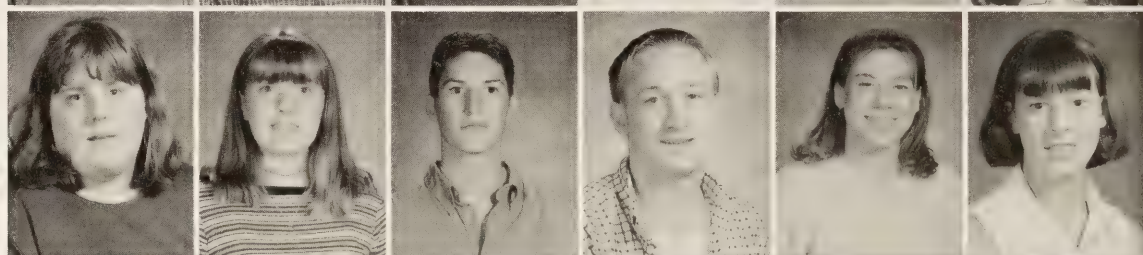
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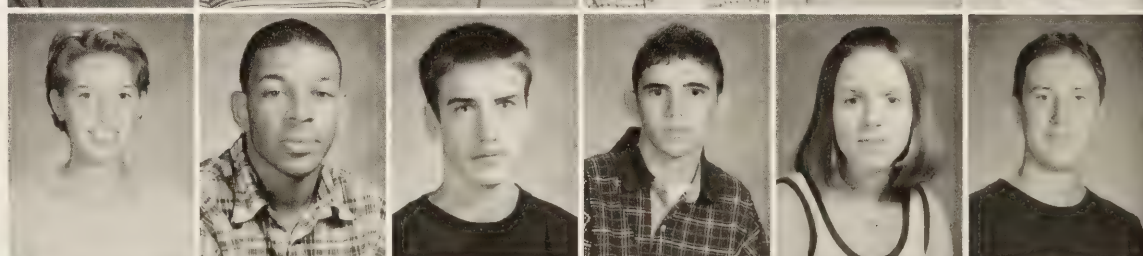
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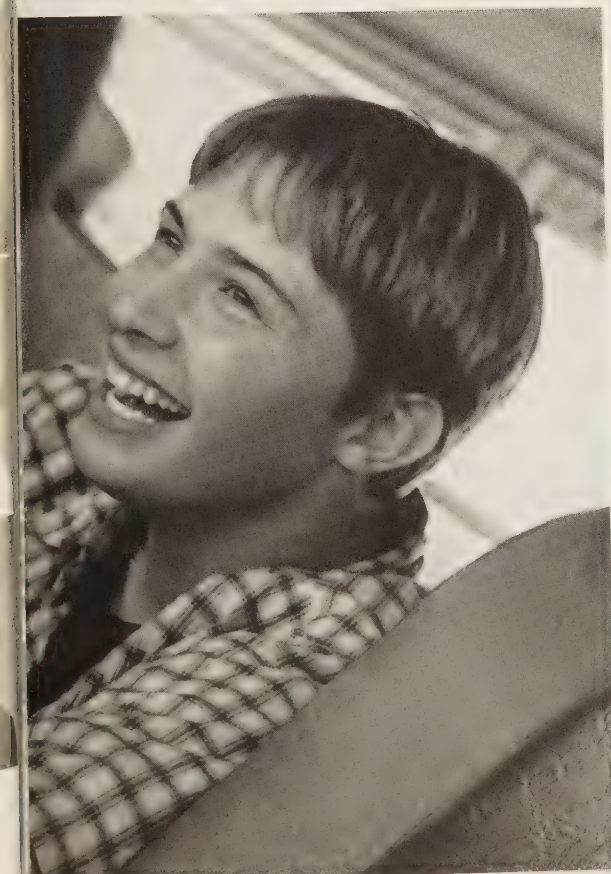
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Nathan Witwer

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Laura Wunderlich
Mary Yancey
Derek Yarrington
Megan Yoder

Eric Young
Vincent Young
James Yurge!
Jennifer Ziegler
Demetrios Zotos



Shannon Lucas, Veronica Crockett,
and Christen DuChemin watch the
Lady Panthers. "Girl's basketball
is really exciting especially since a
lot of our friends are on the team,"
DuChemin said. *Photo by Jon
Wassink.*

Jonathan Suwinski on the bus.
Many students must ride the bus
not only to and from school but
there is also the activity bus in the
evenings to transport students from
after-school activities like sport
practices. *Photo by Cindy Tidings.*

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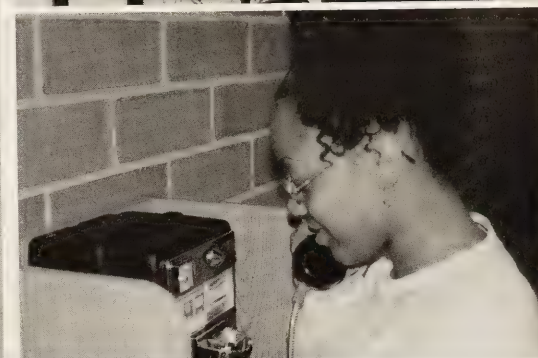
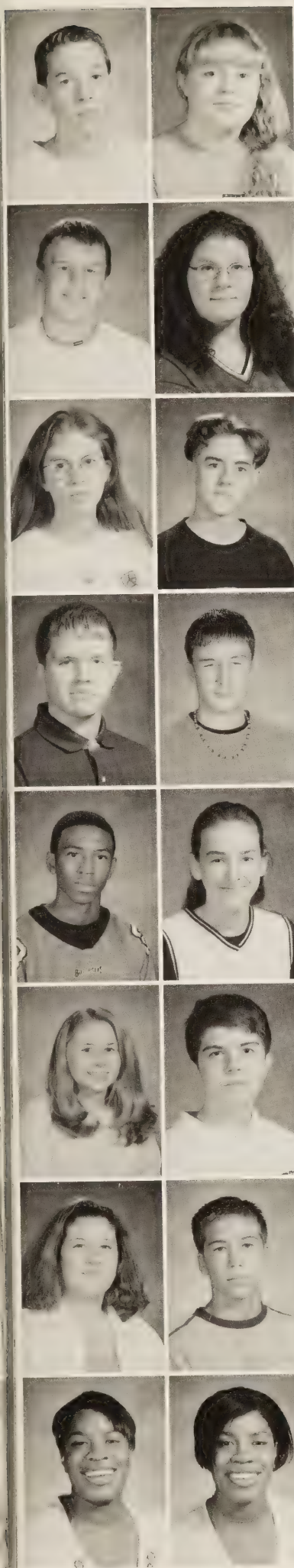
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Raymond Clift
Dana Cochran
Sonya Cochran





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1 - Using time during lunch shift, sophomore Alyson Burnes talks on the phone to a friend. *Photo by Justin Nissley.* 2 - Having a conversation with her mother sophomore Shae Wisniewski uses her own money to make the call. *Photo by Justin Nissley.* 3- Forgetting her English essay Senior Shnia Washington calls her mother to bring it. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*

keeping in touch the old fashioned way

IT WASN'T AS CHEAP AS THE OFFICE OR GUIDANCE PHONE, BUT THANKS TO THE PAY PHONES IN THE COMMONS AREA, STUDENTS TO WERE ABLE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THOSE OUTSIDE SCHOOL.

"I normally call home whenever I forget something important. I usually call from guidance, so I do not have to use my own money," said junior **Alicia Prickett**.

The phone also helped to get rides home.

"I call my boyfriend, Omie, from school just to say I love you and to make sure he is picking me up at 2:30," said junior **Amanda Ray**.

Some students choose to use their lunch period to hang out and talk on the phone; call an old friend, a boyfriend/girlfriend, or someone special to just to say hello.

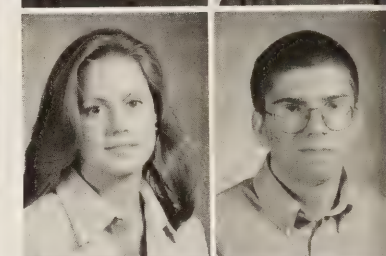
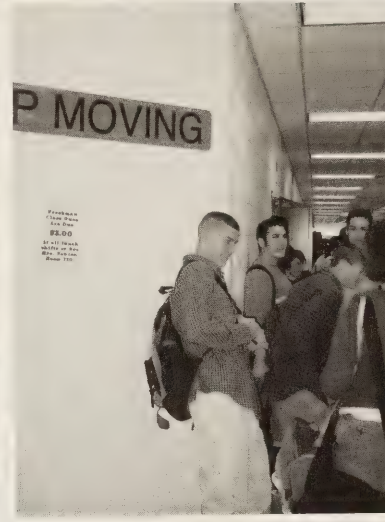
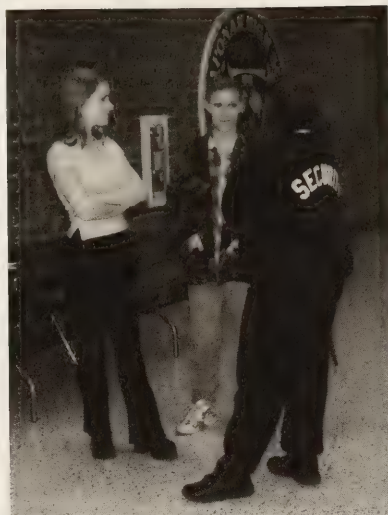
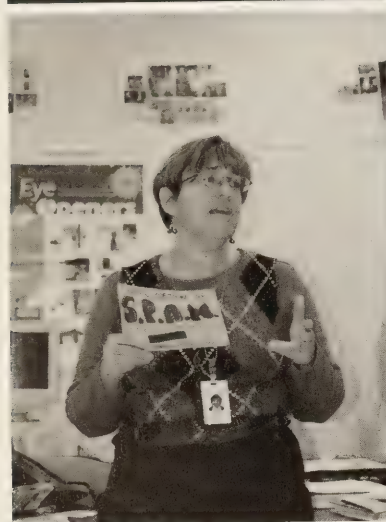
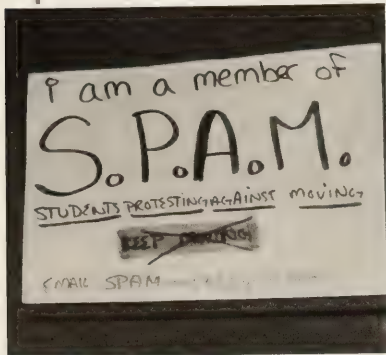
"I normally call my boyfriend everyday from lunch, if he is home I will sometimes stay on there till someone else has to use it," senior **Misty Chapman** said.

"I like calling my best friend from school because it's convenient and enjoyable; I just wish I didn't have to use my own money," sophomore **Marlisa Meiskey** said.

"If I use the phones, it's to call my mom or my friends to come get me after a sports practice or some other activity. If they weren't there, we would all have to have cell phones," said **Natalie Hahn**.

"I have never used the phone at school," said senior **Heather Benson**, "But I am glad to know that if I had to, it is there for my convenience."

By Jennifer Saemann



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1- Opponents of the new "Keep Moving" signs post "SPAM" signs on their lockers. *Photo by Justin Nissley.* 2- Ms. Snider checks the hall passes of Marie Johnson and Amy Roberts. *Photo by Erica Thomas.* 3- Ms. Newbill writes Andrew Joos a pass for being late to school and then it must be punched in the time clock. *Photo by Erica Thomas.* 4- Talking with friends, Rob Richards and Adam Rehberg cease to move from their hallway spot. *Photo by Jon Wassink.* 5- Ryan Noel and Eddie Davis "keep moving" through busy hallways. *Photo by Jon Wassink.* 6- Yearbook Advisor Mrs. Woodcock explains the significance of the "SPAM" sign. *Photo by Erica Thomas*

students protesting against movement

THEY WERE BLACK AND TEAL AND ALMOST FIVE FEET LONG. POSTED AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF HALLWAYS THEY URGED STUDENTS TO 'KEEP MOVING.' SCHOOL OFFICIALS HAD THE SIGNS PUT UP THE SECOND SIX WEEKS UP THE SIGNS IN THE EARLY FALL.

Calling itself SPAM, Students Protesting Against Moving, was the brainchild of freshman founder Michael Pierce.

"I saw the sign when they were first putting them up after school," Pierce said. "So we sat in the middle of the hall and protested. Dr. Childs came up to us and told us we were breaking some sort of school rule and we could be arrested if he wanted to arrest us. But we sat there until we had to report to marching band at 3:00 p.m."

Pierce said the signs were the

hot topic of conversation at practice and Band Instructor Cory Koch urged them to be mature and write a letter to Mr. Rodkey.

"We didn't feel like going through all that, so we just made signs and put them up on our lockers. We even opened an e-mail account."

Pierce said no one e-mailed the group though.

"You can't get away from not seeing or hearing keep moving," said George Yin who also felt the signs were unnecessary. "I mean every one knows to keep moving

in the hallways."

"Not only are the signs a waste but the signs are a waste of the schools money," Cliff Campbell agreed.

Hallways, more congested than ever were a problem but so were stairwells.

"I hate it whenever I come out of my seventh period class and have to walk upstairs. The freshmen always seem to walk on the wrong side of the stairwell," said Seth Meyers.

"If there are signs that say 'keep moving' then there should be signs that say walk on the right side of the stairwell," said Pete Servel.

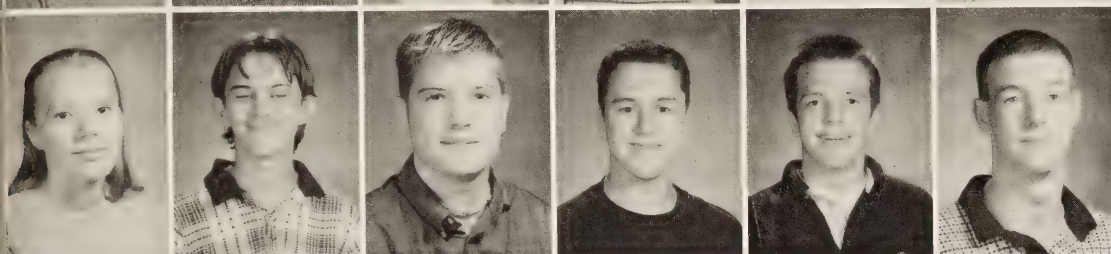
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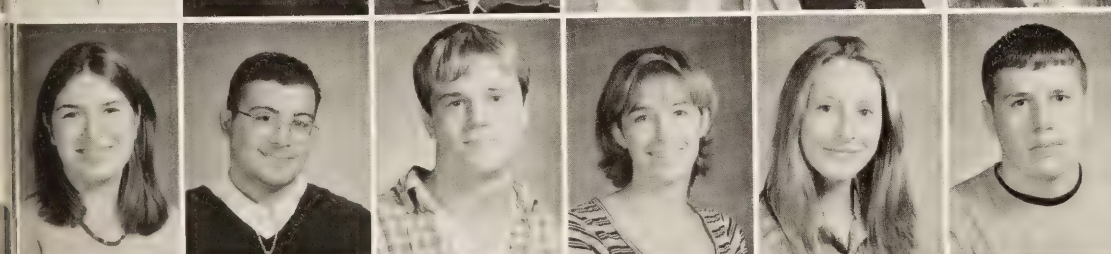
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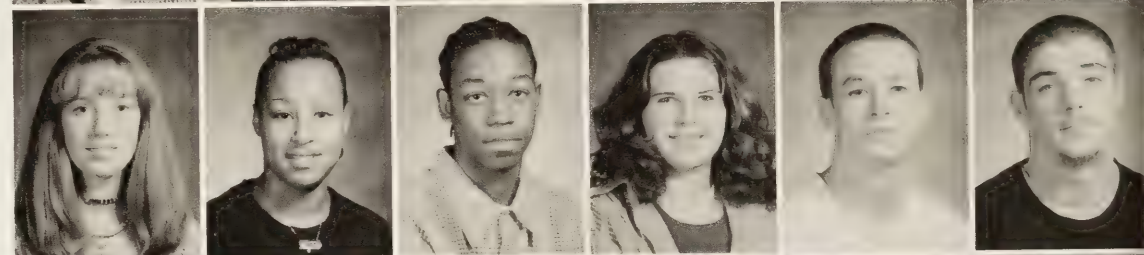
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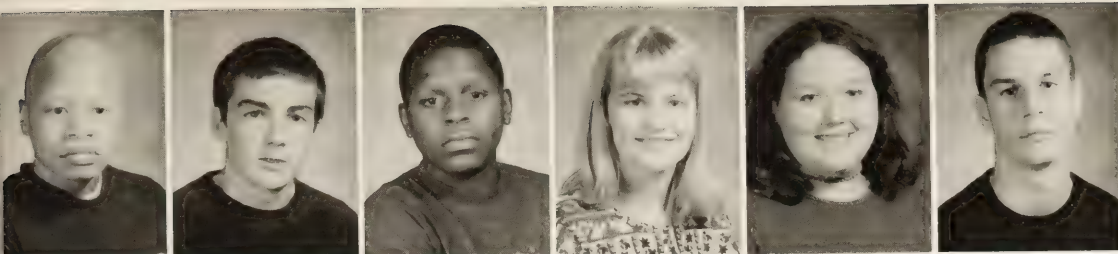


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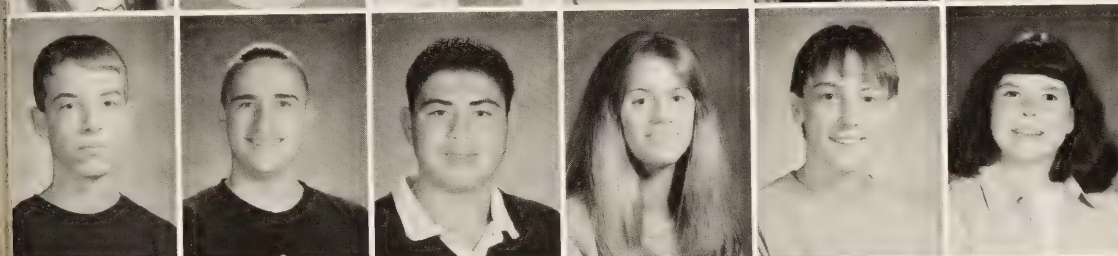
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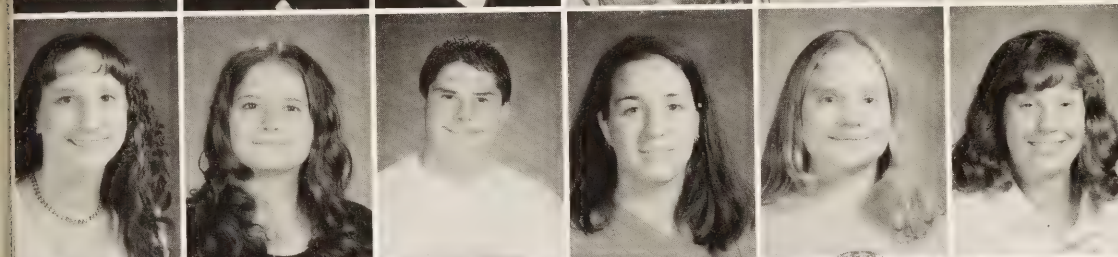
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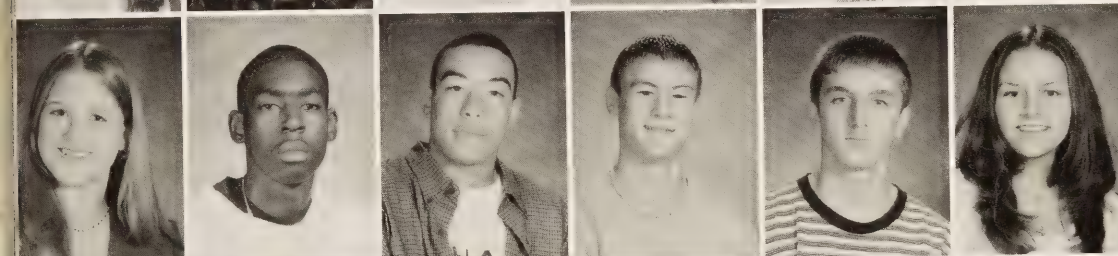
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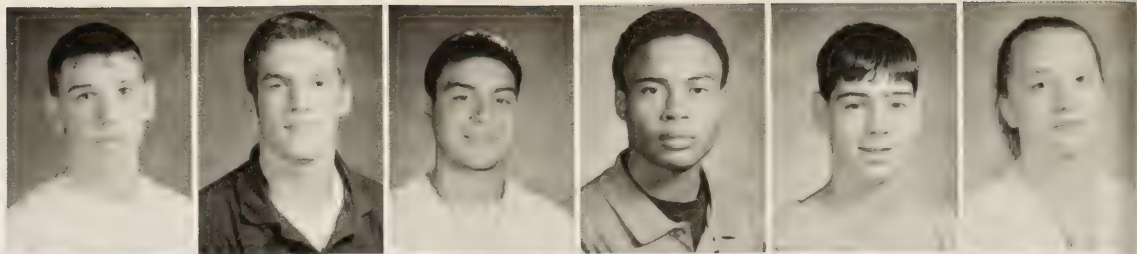


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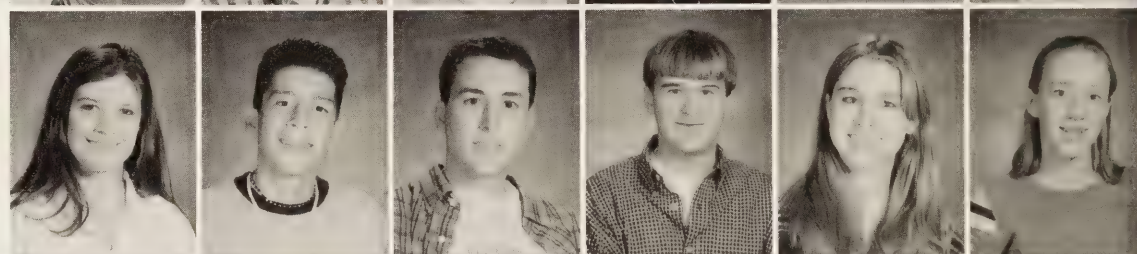
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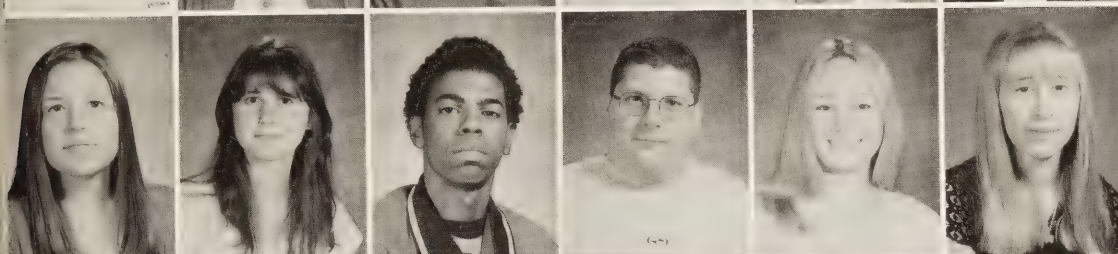
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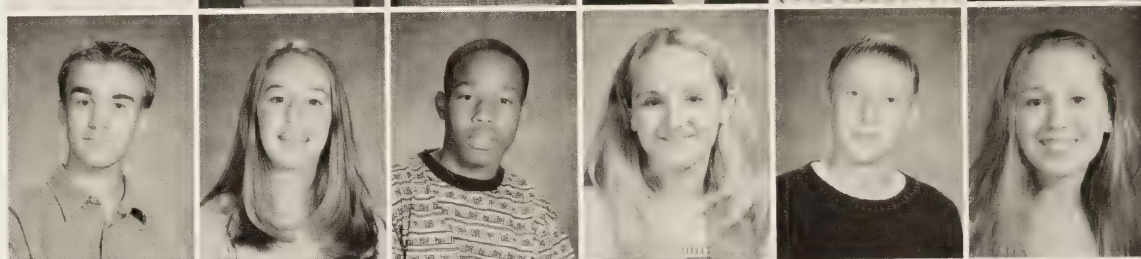
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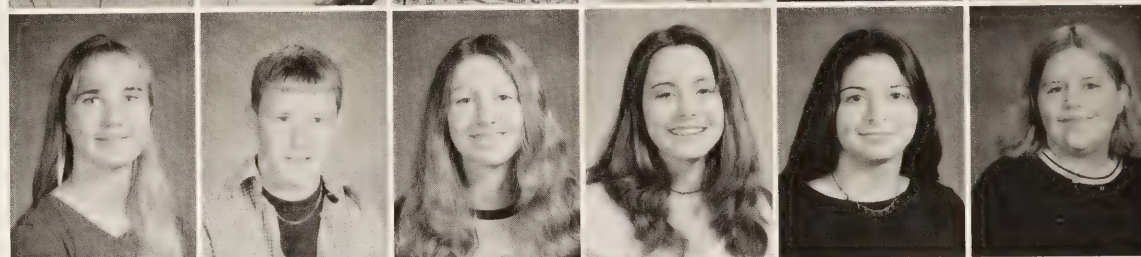
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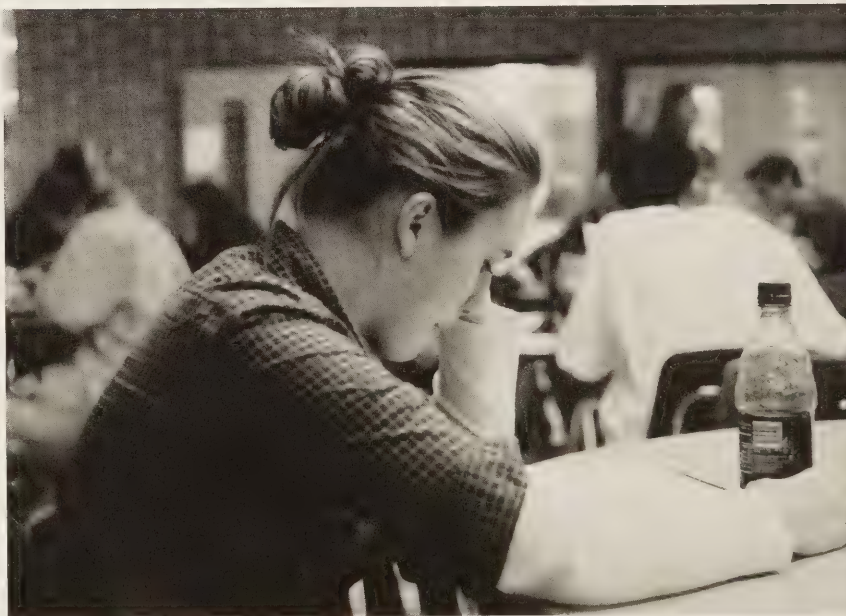
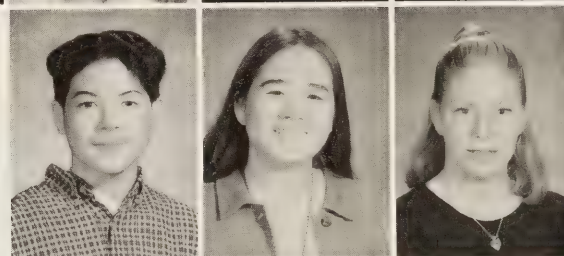
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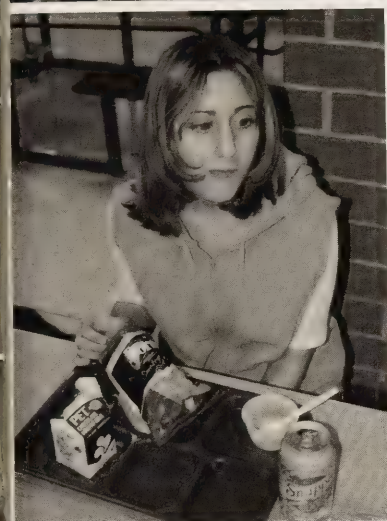
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LEFT TO RIGHT: Alex Peabody takes a break between bites of chips during lunch. Photo by Ashley Grant. Adrienne Edwards uses her lunch time to catch up on homework. Photo by Ashley Grant.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 1-Jon Wassink, Bridget Benedict, and Catherine Walden 2-Michelle Palmer eats here cookie during her lunch shift. 3-Ashley Grant likes to "hear what my friends did the past few days that I hadn't seen them", like with Nichole Heiman. 4-Virginia Odom, Kelly Burns and Colleen Barns prefer talking to friends than to eat during lunch. 5-Trey Heubi savors his chance to eat especially the school lunch. Photo by Nick Barksdale. 6-Jessica Waligorski usually buys lunch but she says it gets expensive. "Everyone steals my lunch so I have to buy more." Photo by Nick Barksdale.

dreaming of lunch

THE 'BEEP, BEEP, BEEP' OF THE ALARM CAME EARLY AND WAS OFTEN DELAYED FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. JUST GETTING DRESSED LEFT LITTLE OR NO TIME FOR SUCH TASKS AS EATING BREAKFAST OR PACKING LUNCH. FOR MANY, LUNCH, WAS THE CULINARY HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY.

As early as first period, the smells of food cooking filled the hallways near the cafeteria.

"When I smell that, it makes my stomach churn," said Hunter Nolan. "It makes me even hungrier than I already am. My stomach hurts and food becomes all I can think about. Sometimes I go to my locker and grab something out of my lunch bag."

"I buy my lunch every day,"

said Steven Barrier. "I don't pack it because I don't have time in the morning, the bus comes so early. By lunchtime I am starved. I eat on second shift and I wish I ate on first. Before first period, I try to get a soda and that fills my stomach for the moment, but not long enough."

Pizza was Barrier's favorite lunch choice, but not just any pizza.

"French bread pizza is my favorite and I wished they served it more often. I like it much better than the other pizza. That's better than anything else they got out there," Barrier said.

Freshman Stephen Semeia was another student who didn't always have time to eat before school.

"Sometimes I get up late and am in a rush to get out. When I haven't eaten it makes the first couple hours of the day seem even longer. But lunch time I feel pretty empty on those days. By third or fourth period my stomach starts to growl. If they

are having something I don't like, like grilled cheese and soup, I end up in the snack line and eat pringles and maybe a drink and I'm still hungry."

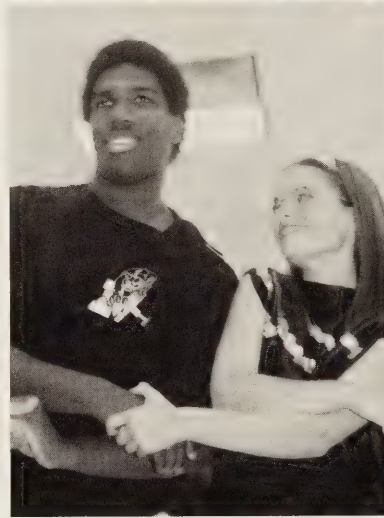
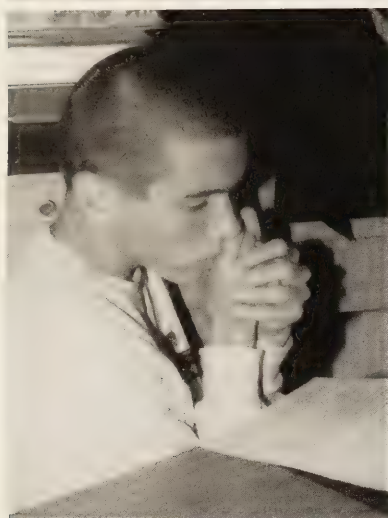
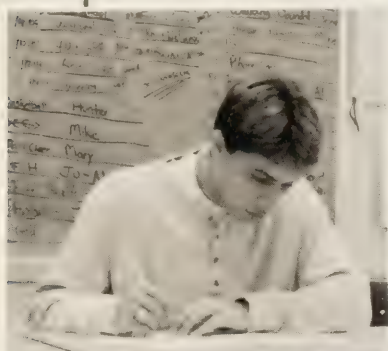
The desire for more choices was common to many students. "We need a bigger variety in our lunches," said sophomore Allison Burns

Semeia agreed.

"I think they serve too much of the same foods," Barrier said. "If I could pick a super lunch it would have hash browns, one of those sherbert things, chicken nuggets and Frutopia."

By Shannon Lally

superstitions



Clockwise from Left. 1 -Junior, John Broughton depends on his lucky shirt to work its magic before wrestling matches. *Photo by Kelly Romine.* 2- Band member Tanya Taylor rubs Corey Koch's head for luck. *Photo by Jon Wassink.* 3 - Hockey player Heather Schnell hits her hockey stick against a teammate's before each game. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.* 4-Wayne Pinkney and Michelle Samperton lock arms before a competition. *Photo by Leigha Surles.* 5 -Cross-country runner, Adam wears the same safety during every meet. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.* 6-Nike Knepp has lucky boxers he wears during wrestling season. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*

my lucky charms

IT WAS DECEMBER 26, THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, ONE OF THE BIGGEST SHOPPING DAYS OF THE YEAR. THE MALL WAS FILLED NEARLY TO CAPACITY, AND IT WAS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE MORE THAN FIVE STEPS WITH OUT RUNNING INTO SOMEONE YOU KNEW.

Despite knowing it would be crowded, Cindy Morris and her mother decided to go anyway.

As they made their way toward the entrance, a group of people suddenly began spilling out onto the sidewalk. The mob was heading straight for Morris and her mother, when they suddenly came face to face with a sign indicating that they were standing at a design-

ated FRED bus stop.

"My mom and I are very superstitious. Everytime she walks around the left side of a poll and I walk around the right, she makes me go back and walk around the way she did," she said.

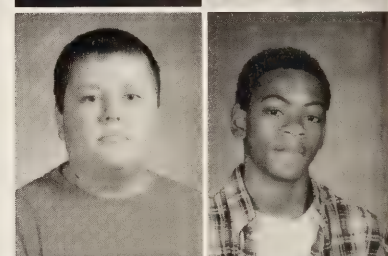
When she came to the pole, her mother walked around the left side. But then one of the members of the crowd blocked Morris' path

around the left side. So, instead of waiting, she walked around the right side of the pole.

As always, her mother made her retrace her steps and walk around the left side of the pole.

"It was pretty embarrassing, some of the people stopped and stared at me. But the worst part was the rest of the day when we were shopping, and I saw someone who had seen me walking around the other side of the pole. I knew they recognized me, and I just wanted to go home," Morris said.

By Jenn Ziegler





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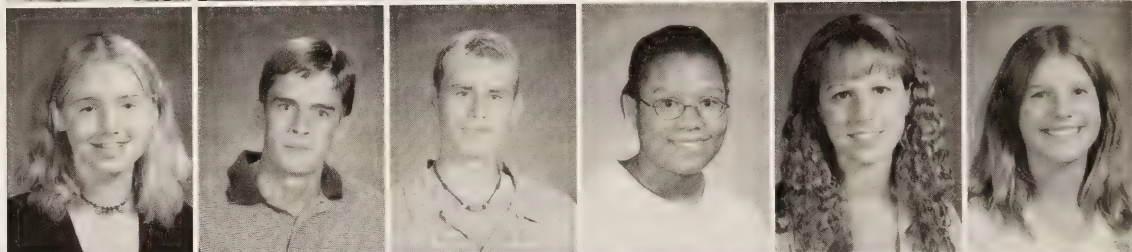
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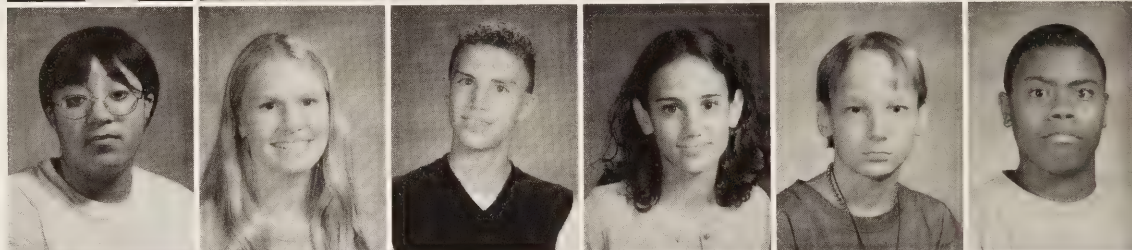
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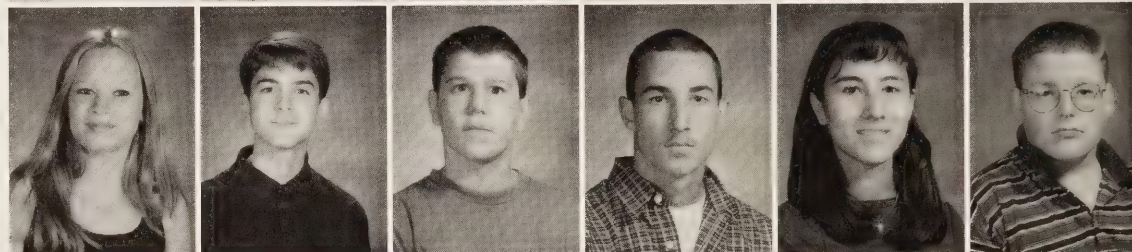
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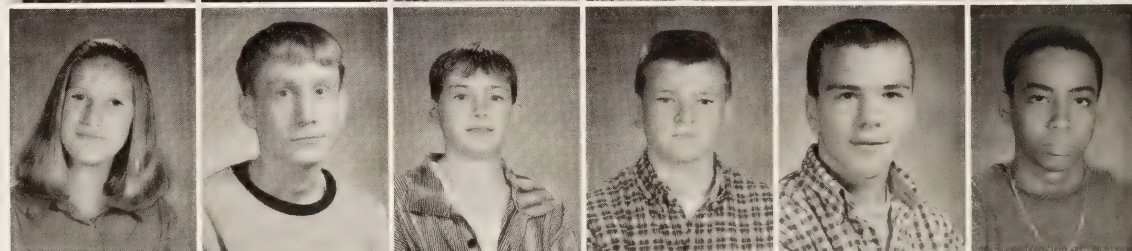
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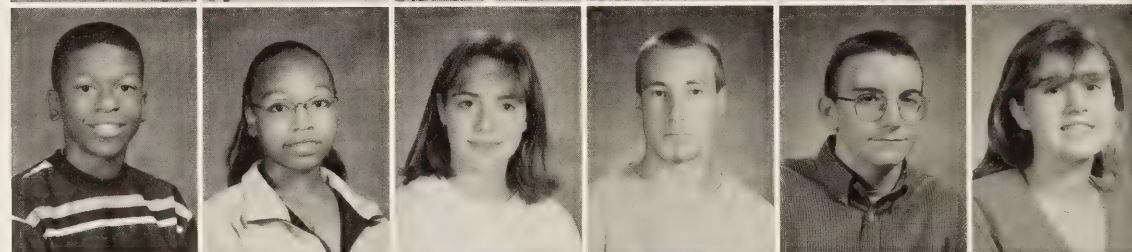
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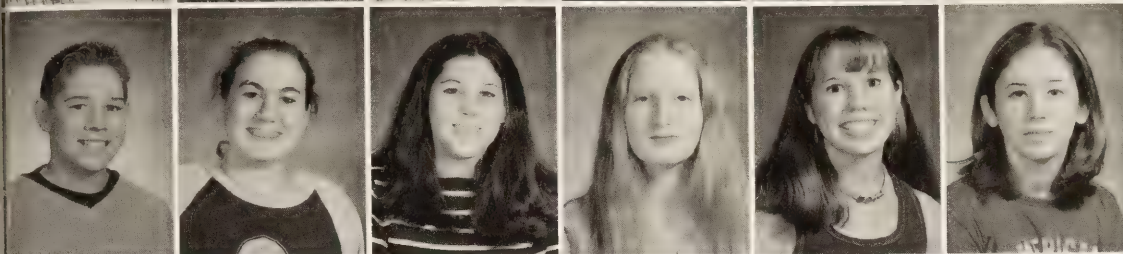


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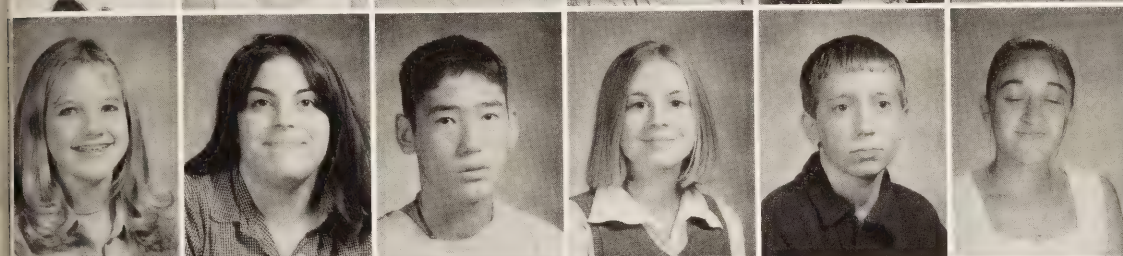
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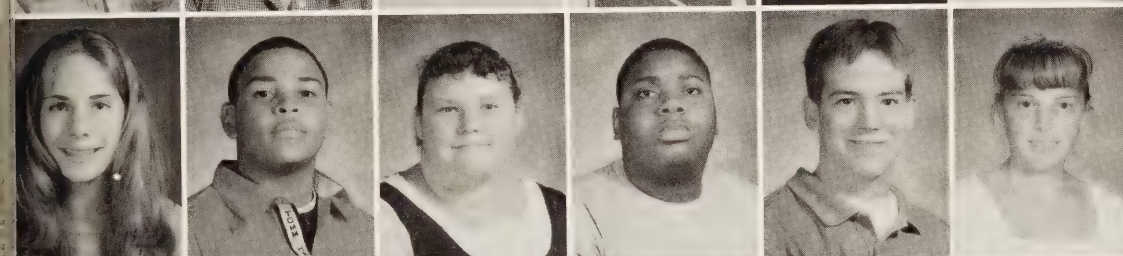
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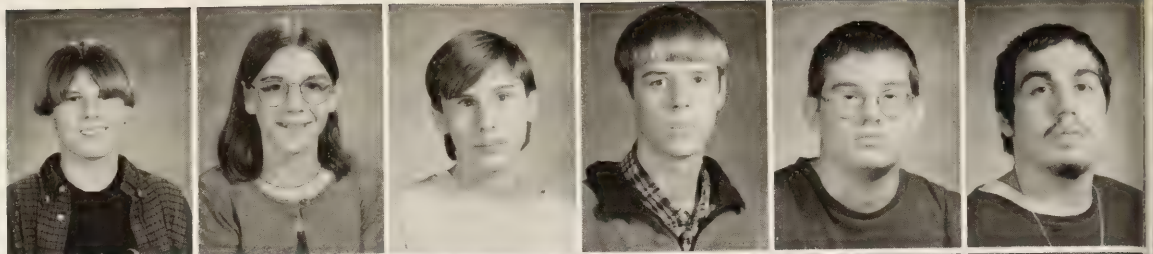


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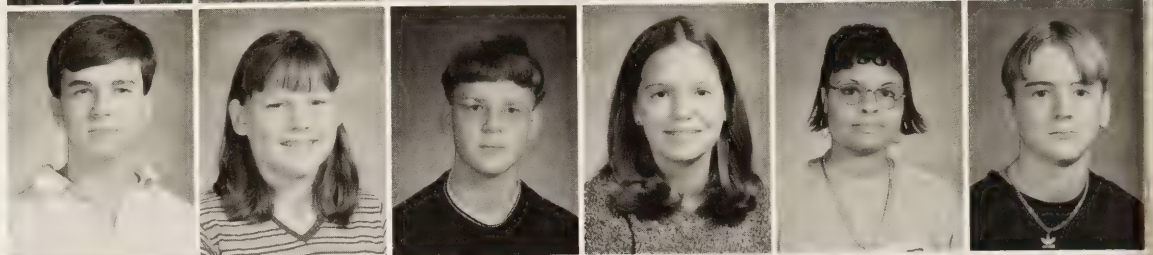


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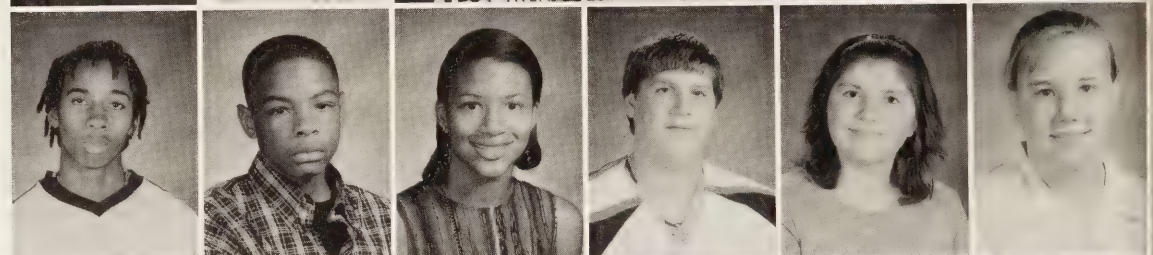
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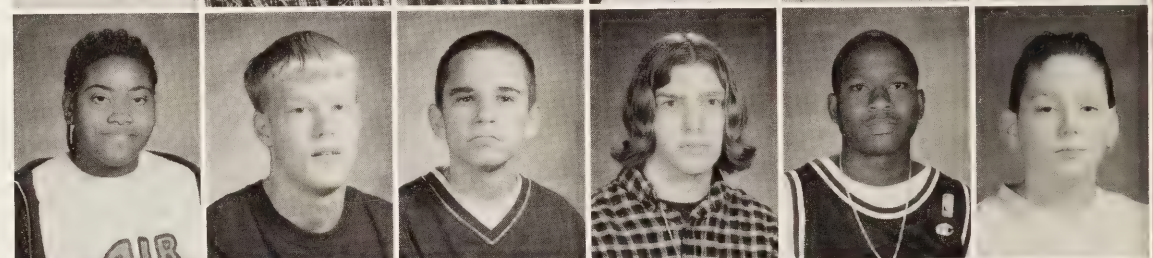
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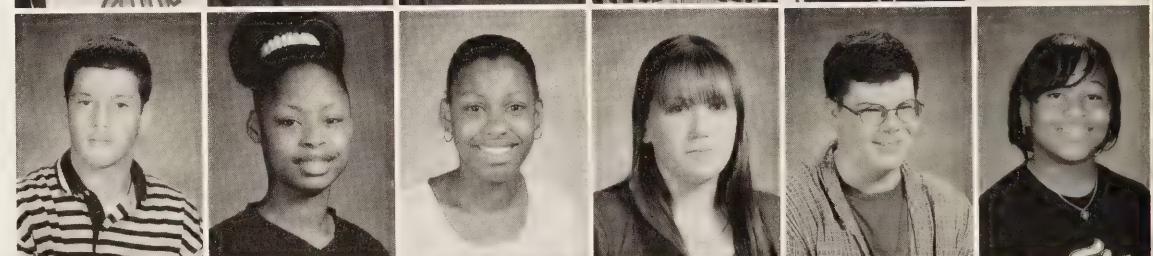
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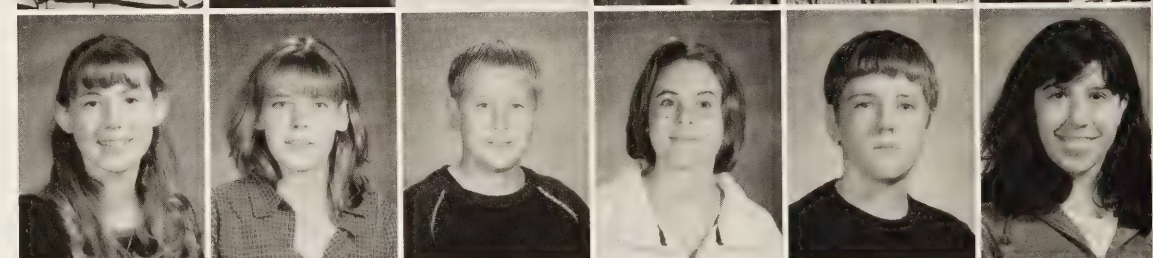
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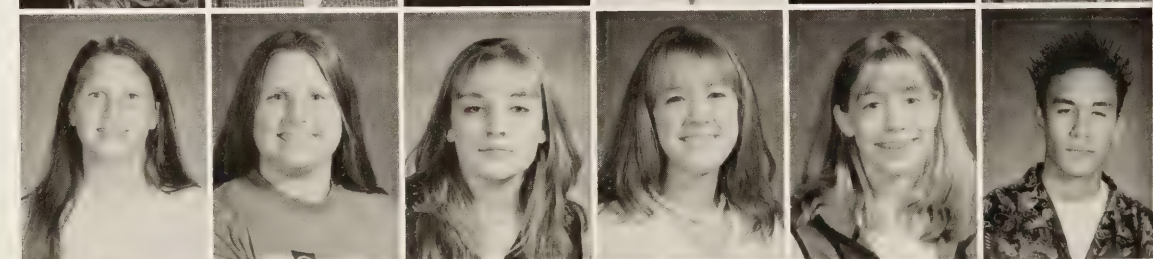
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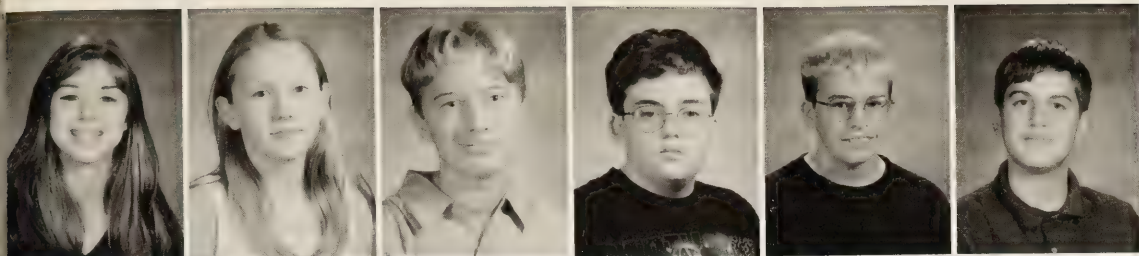


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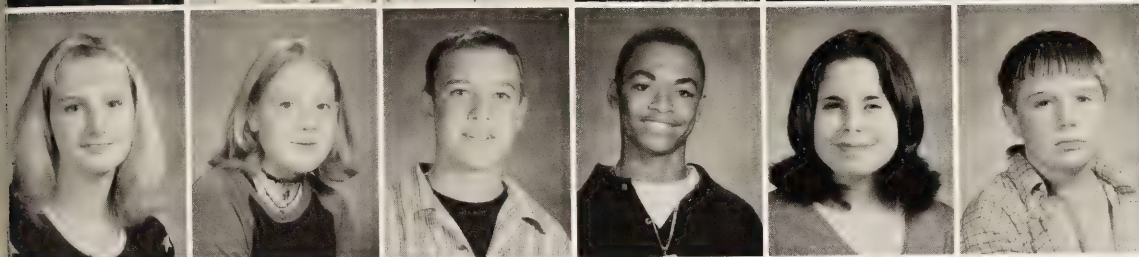


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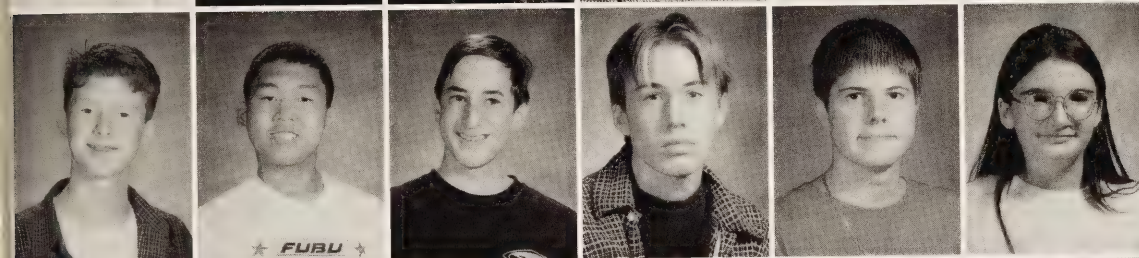
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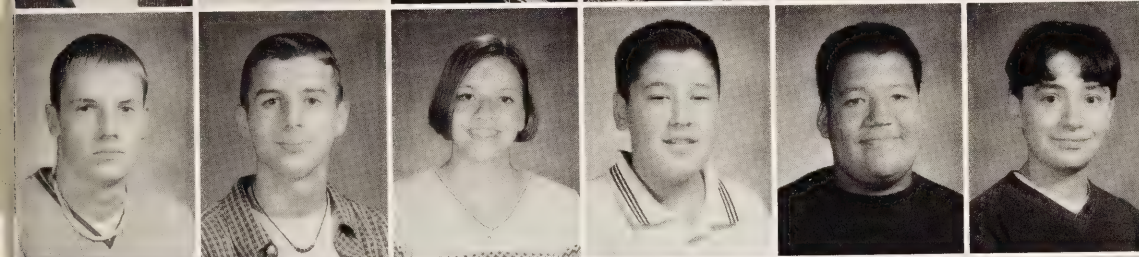
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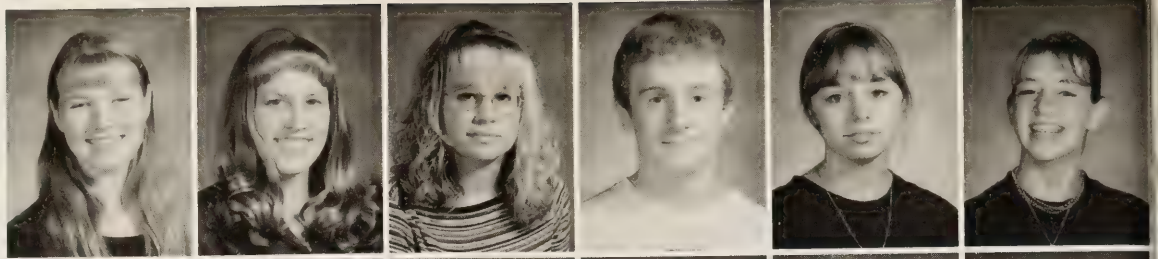


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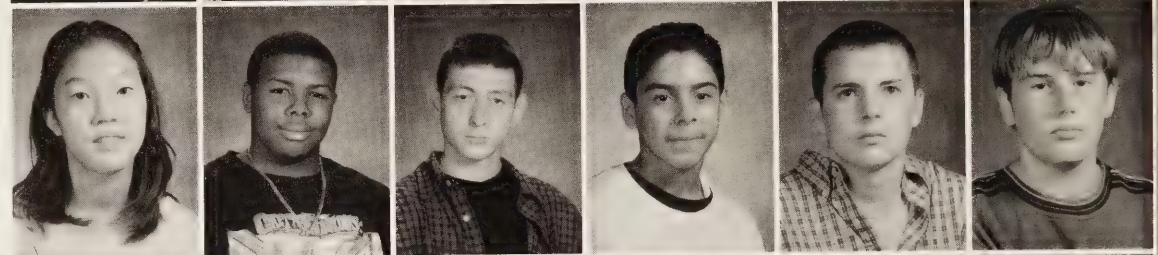
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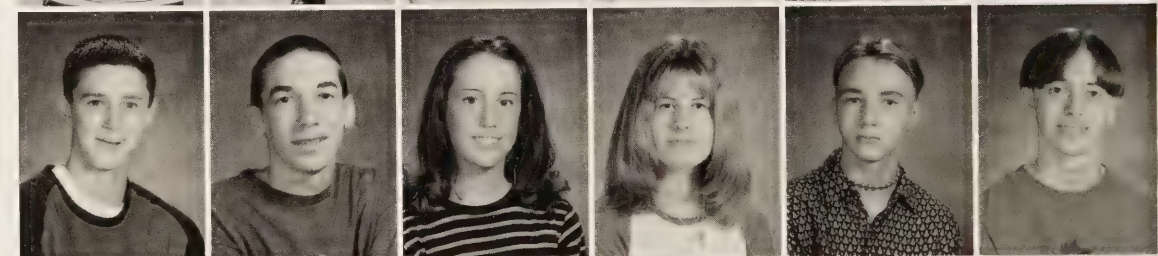
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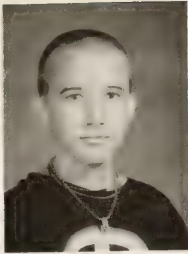
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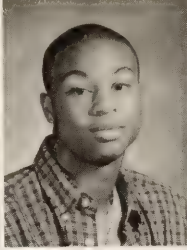
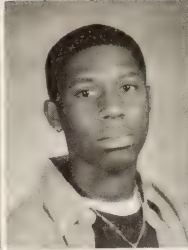
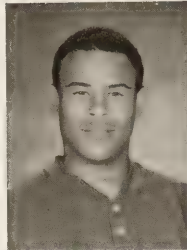
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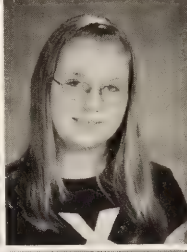
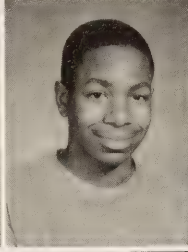
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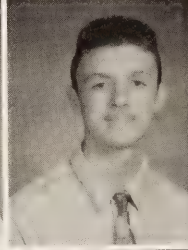
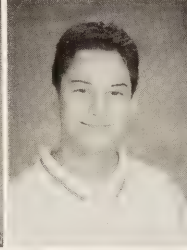
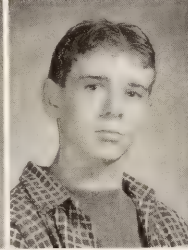
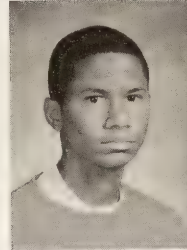
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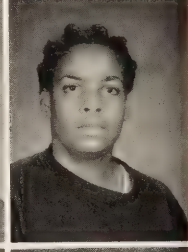
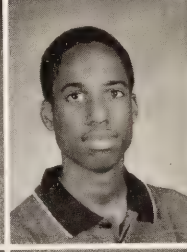
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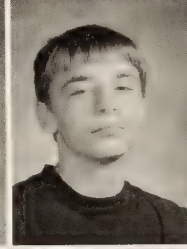
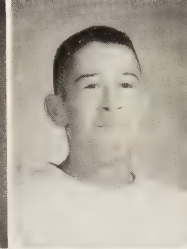
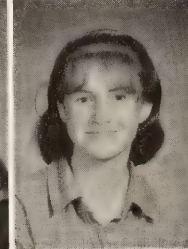
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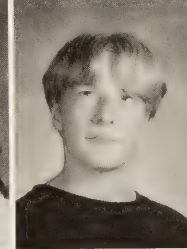
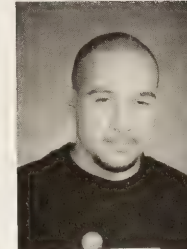
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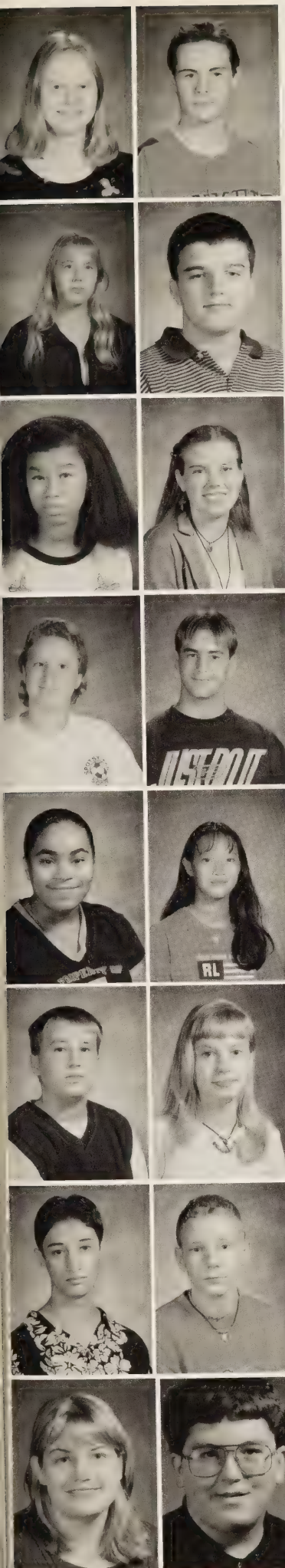


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Kimberly Williams
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Paul Williams
Sarah Williams
Gordon Willis





afterschool activities



CLOCKWISE FROM THE LEFT: 1-Watching the game intently, Todd Pickering, Justin Peabody, and Zack Shaw cheer on their team. The guys were hoping their team would come back from a 2-0 deficit. 2- Devin Wright turns to look for his opponent before entering the rink. Preparing for play. 3-Cliff Campbell and Justin Patton suit up for the game and get mentally prepared. Photos by Jon Wassink.

after 2:30

IT'S 10:00 P.M. AND THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON IN THE DRAMA ROOM, OVER ON THE ACADEMIC HALL VOICES DRIFT OUT OF ROOM 130. SOME DAYS IT WAS HARD TO TELL SCHOOL HAD BEEN DISMISSED. STUDENTS REMAINED AT SCHOOL TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, OR TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES. AND THAT WASN'T ALL THEY DID DURING THEIR AFTERSCHOOL HOURS.

Some students give back to the community during their after school time.

Freshman **Sam Payne** was a member of the Catholic Youth Organization.

"We buy clothes and stuff for the needy around Christmas. We send out forms for the families to fill out what they need. The form we got back, a mom has three kids, so we'll donate stuff for them. We

are also doing Adopt-A-Highway. We take care of a roadway by cleaning it up and making sure no one litters on it," Payne said.

Freshman **Michael Pierce** liked the opportunity to travel that his activity provided.

"We go to different churches in New England, and we sing for them," Pierce said of his participation in the Marantha Touring Choir. "We stay in the homes of

people in the church. My friend was in it originally, and she told me I should be in it."

Athletics was another way students kept themselves busy and out of trouble.

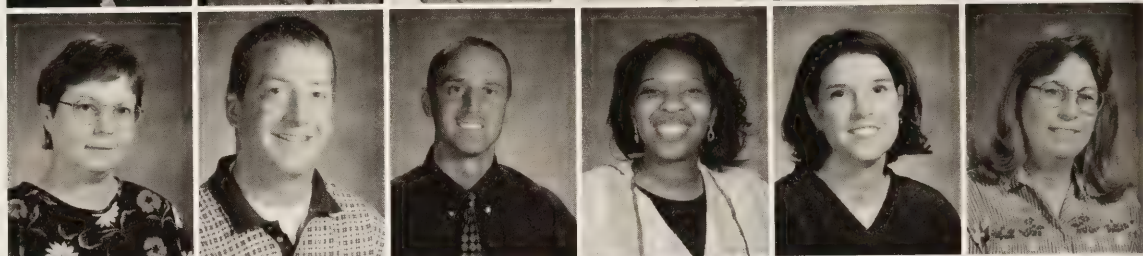
"I'm on a traveling volleyball team. It's not Parks and Rec, but it's not AAU, either," said freshman **Stacy Potter**. "We compete against other teams in the Virginia area. Nationals are at Disney World this year. I started doing it when my dad was helping out with volleyball and I decided to do it because he was one of the coaches," he added.

By Mike Eltringham

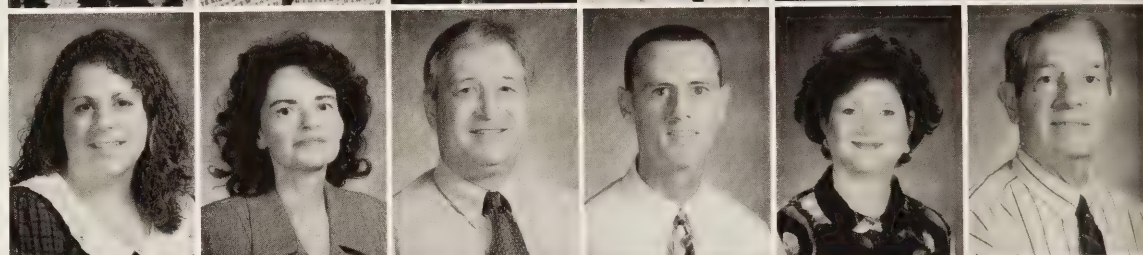
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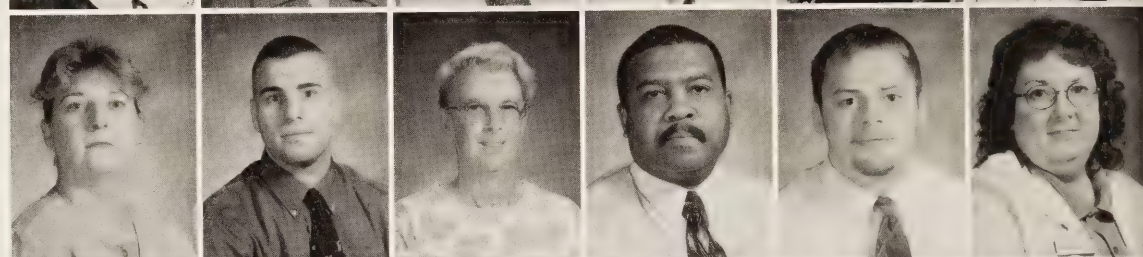
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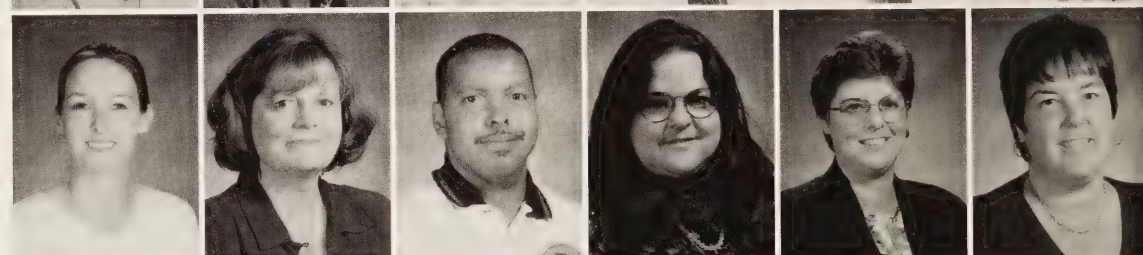
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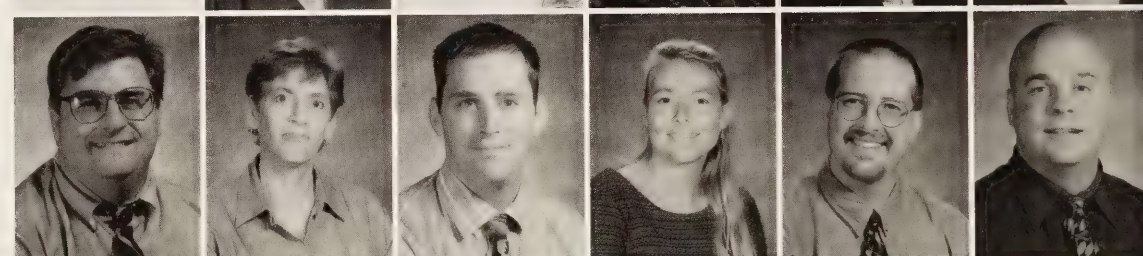
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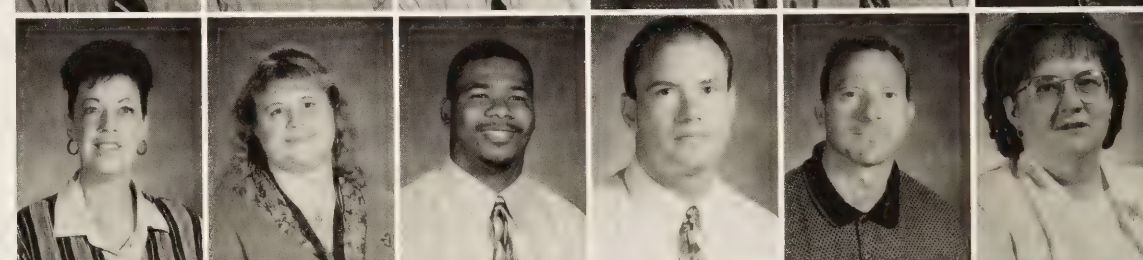
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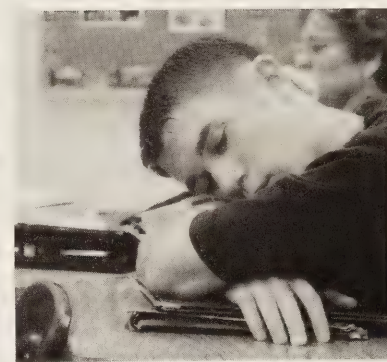
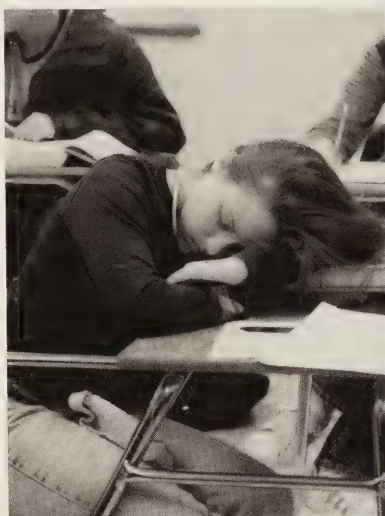
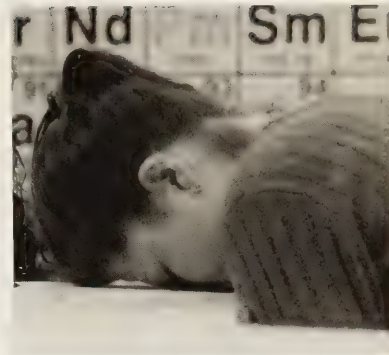
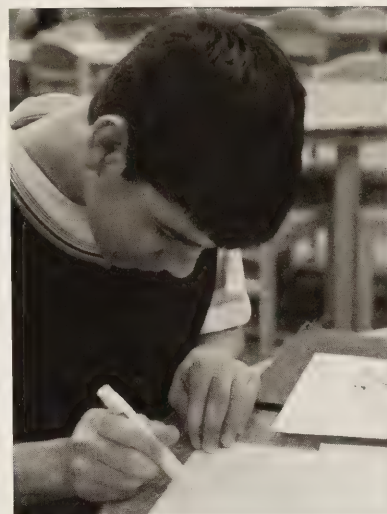


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 Gene Myers





Bad Habits



LEFT TO RIGHT CLOCKWISE: 1-Dewayne Ovard naps in his seventh period study hall. Photo by Patrice Hughey. 2- Chris Petrie works on getting his project ready for the next class. Photo by Cindy Tydings. 3- Kelly Romine dozes off in Chemistry class. Photo by Jazmine Alcazer. 4- Casey O'Donnell quickly looks over her assignment. Photo by Jon Wassink. 5- Mike Fuoco rests during his study hall. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. 6- Taking a break from Algebra, Rachel Mountjoy sleeps. Photo by Jon Wassink.

kicking bad habits

WHETHER IT WAS BITING NAILS, TWIRLING HAIR, CRACKING KNUCKLES, OR PROCRASTINATING TOO MUCH, KICKING A HABIT WAS SOMETIMES HARD.

"I always bite my nails when I'm nervous. It's terrible, I have no nails especially after a big game," said junior **Christine Tharp** about the habit that has nagged her since middle school. Tharp said she just can't stop.

Procrastination was another bad habit among students.

"I've had my bad habit of procrastination ever since I started high school," said junior **Elizabeth Sabu**. "It's gotten me in trouble a couple of times because I couldn't finish assignments by the time they were due."

Sabu said she had an essay due for English and waited until the night before to start it.

"I ended up staying up until 3:00 a.m. the next morning to finish," she said. "When I got the assignment back, I got

a lower grade than I expected because I rushed [through it]."

Junior **Kerri White** also was a habitual procrastinator.

White said she had to take a late grade on a history project because she waited until the night before the assignment was due to get information.

"I wait until the day before something is due to do it," said White. "It just keeps getting worse every year, and I can't seem to do anything about it."

By Jessica McDonald

teacher of the year



LEFT TO RIGHT CLOCKWISE: 1-Mr. Mann helps Nicole Kosco with her classwork. 2- Mann smiles and laughs outside in the woods while taking tree core samples with his Biology II: Seminar class. 3- In Bio II class, Mann talks with Melissa McDonald and Jonathan Eastridge about the wall-seeking behavior of laboratory mice. Photos by Ryan Coleman.

teacher of the year

H E WAS COACH, AND FATHER; HE WAS AN EARTH SCIENCE AND BIOLOGY II SEMINAR TEACHER. HE WAS 'THE MANN,' GERALD MANN THAT IS, THE SCHOOL'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN 1999.

Administrators and faculty members selected Mann for his outstanding teaching, but that was far from his only responsibility.

Mann also served as the Science Department Head and Varsity Volleyball coach. Married with two young children, Mann had to juggle responsibilities.

"With the teaching and coaching and the department head and now that I have kids, it sometimes feels like I'm not doing the best job," said Mann.

But students didn't find

anything lacking in Mann's teaching and admired him as much as his colleagues did.

"He's great," said senior Ryan Coleman who was enrolled in Mann's Bio II seminar class. "He makes class fun. He does things like play classical music during tests. He told us it would increase our intelligence which I know isn't true. But it stopped my test anxiety."

Mann said the Teacher of the Year honor was an exclamation point on an already great school year.

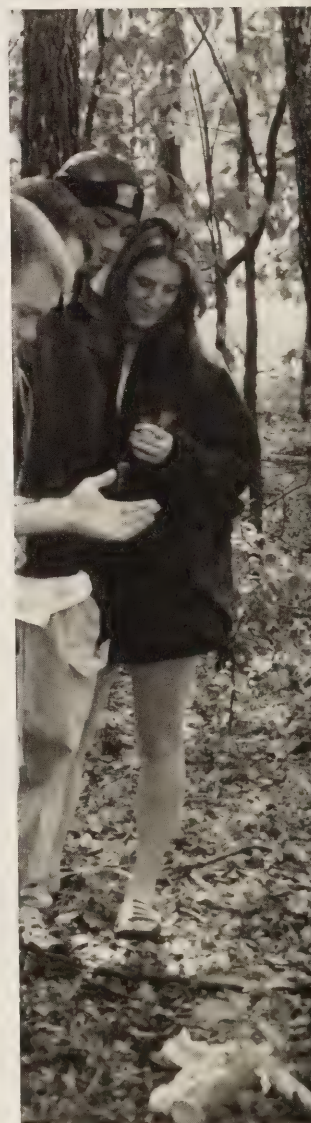
His volleyball team won the Battlefield District championship in the school's opening year.

"He actually played with us in practice instead of standing on the side and coaching. He would hit the ball as hard as he could to make us better defensively. It helped when we played Chancellor and Courtland," said volleyball player Val Smith.

Although Mann was deeply honored by the award, he remained humble.

"It's really hard to pick just one Teacher of the Year with so many teachers in different areas. There were so many deserving people."

By Matt Smith





Diana Williams
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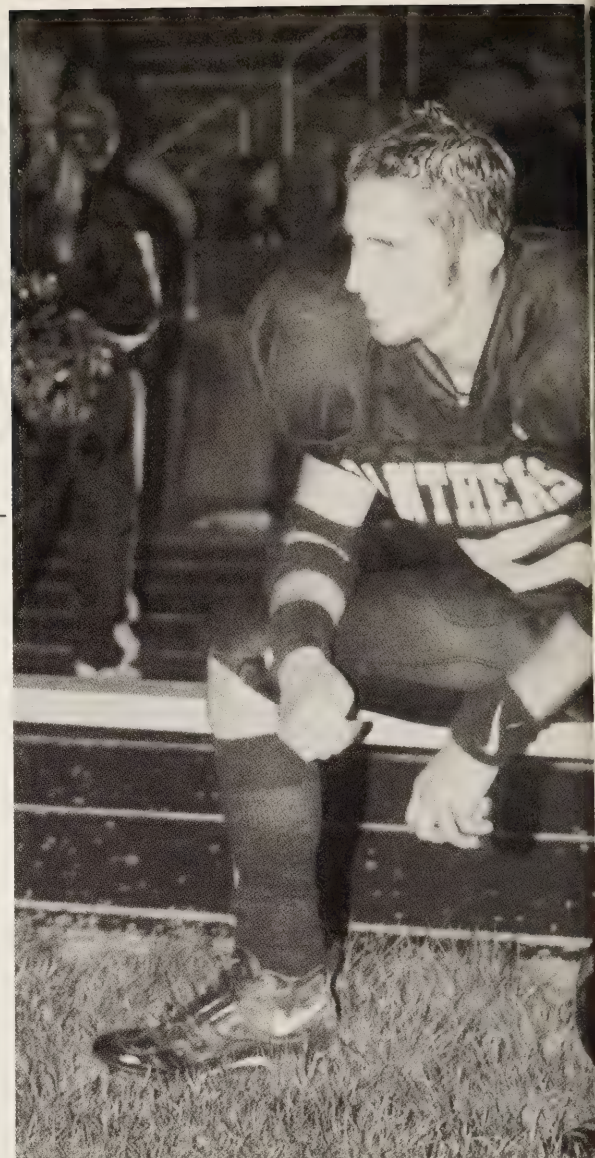
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 Ms. Kandra Orr- Art, Eng.
 Katherine Parrish- Guidance Counselor, JV Field Hockey, JV Softball.
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 Kevin Randall
 Samantha Ratchford- Guidance Counselor.
 Gayle Reddington-Spanish.
 Senora Remmie-NSHS.
 Charlotte Richards-NAHS.
 Judy Rodgers-Study Hall.
 Gwendolyn M. Rouse- Gov't, Senior Class Sponsor.
 Emily Rudge
 Fisher Salama
 Lindsey Scoggins-Special Ed.
 Mrs. Lynne C. Seay- Paraprof.-Resource, Assist.
 Cheerleading Coach.
 Mr. John B. Shinberger- APUSH, US History, AP European, Key Club.
 Theresa Snyder-Health & Safety Officer.
 Mr. Michael Stebar-AP Bio, Adv. Bio, Sci. Club.
 Rick Stottlemeyer-Bio, Marine Sci.
 Theresa Tempesta
 Ann Tinsman
 Wendy Washington
 Wayne Whitfield



Spreading environmental awareness, Mr. Mann points out the accumulation of litter in the woods to Bio II students Kevin Morin, Jessica Burnopp, and Jeannie Payne. *Photo by Ryan Coleman.*

Accepting his honor at the school's dedication ceremony, Gerry Mann stands with fellow honoree Amy Irwin, who was named First Year Teacher of the Year '98-'99. Also in attendance are former principal C. Hampton Gray, students Adrienne Ward and J.P. Yurgel, and PTSA President Debra Rojek. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*

We learned about equations and formulas, and about the bigger picture. We learned that life was more than just a little world of our own. We learned about the world we live in, spoke the



workin'

Click! Click! Click! The sounds of Glen Grau's calculator are heard throughout his SAT Prep class. The calculator helps Grau to answer the math questions on the SAT with more accuracy and confidence. "We just practiced math problems and worked on a lot of English grammar. SAT Prep helped me raise my score a good 70 points from the PSAT. Hopefully the better score will get me into college," said Grau. Photo by Ryan Coleman.



Stressin'

Fatigue and turmoil are some of the biggest factors for any athlete. Tired and stressed out wide receiver, Jason Yench, watches the field as the defense holds their position for the offense. Suspenseful and difficult times such as these are common during the waning minutes of games throughout the season. "Football is a game of emotion and to play you must have the passion and will to win," said Yench. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

languages the world speaks. We learned about the value of teamwork, experienced the satisfaction of jobs well done. We strengthened mind, body, gained opportunities .

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ballin'

Down by three but not out of the game, J.V. lady panthers get it together for the last 37 seconds. "We were pulling it together as a team to decide the strategy to pull off the win," said Tara Brown. The huddle is used to get the team together to make certain everyone is on the same page of the playbook. "In the huddle we tried to build up our self confidence to come back for the win," said Danielle Allen. The girls lost but became closer because of it. They saw what each player was made of and knew the season would only get better. *Photo by Cathy Hilker.*

LEFT TO RIGHT: Rebecca Flagge feeds a visiting miniature horse in Small Animal Care. Photo by Mary Benton. Cindy Dodd, Mary Geraci, Rebecca Flagge, and Shae Wisnawski pet the miniature horse. Photo by Mary Benton. Cindy Dodd shows the horse's jumping ability. Photo by Mary Benton. Cindy Dodd, Colleen Burns, Mary Geraci, and Shae Wisnawski pet the dog-size horse. Photo by Mary Benton.



Showing Carrie Lee Gurthie, nursing home resident, her rabbit, Mary Geraci surely knows how to cheer someone up. Photo by Ashley Ferren.



During Japanese class, Ashley Albright, looks and reviews her notes for an upcoming quiz. Photo by Ryan Coleman.



MAKE YOUR MARK DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE

by sarah moran



During Japanese class, Daniel Brown, paid attention to the television screen for instruction. Photo by Ryan Coleman.

HALF YEAR, HALF-CREDIT CLASSES BECAME EVEN MORE POPULAR.

"Half-credit classes are more fun than a whole year class because the class is more laid back and you never lose interest because you are there for only half a year and then you get to start another class," said junior **J.P. Yurgel**.

"I'm taking Marine Science this semester and it's really fun. We have already gone on a field trip and we do a variety of activities to see marine life. It's cool because you get to change classes at the end of the semester," said junior **Elizabeth Easley**.

"I like knowing that I would have change in the middle of year," said senior **Robert Berry**.

Certainly several of the class offerings were both fun and educational, but others,

such as SAT Preparation were meant to boost student performance.

"It seems really helpful. I haven't taken the SAT yet, but I'm sure it'll help," said junior **Christine Tharp**.

"I'm taking Recreation and Wellness this year. We run which stinks, but we lift weights and play lacrosse the rest of the time... it's made me "buff," said senior **Ted Bema**.

Popular with students, the biggest complaint was that there weren't enough of the classes offered.

"I wish they offered more because they really are a blast and you learn a lot too," said Yurgel.

Berry agreed. "Some weren't available when I did my schedule. I'd hoped to fill up two periods a day.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Doing classwork in Debate class Joe Baily, a freshman, tediously tries to finish his assignment. *Photo by Leigha Surles.* Kelly Robinson practices writing her verbs before a Japanese quiz. *Photo by Ryan Coleman.* Bringing animals to a nearby nursing home Mary Geraci volunteers for the small animal care class. *Photo by Leigha Surles.* During Debate class, Kristen Brown talks to a friend while they are doing an activity. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*

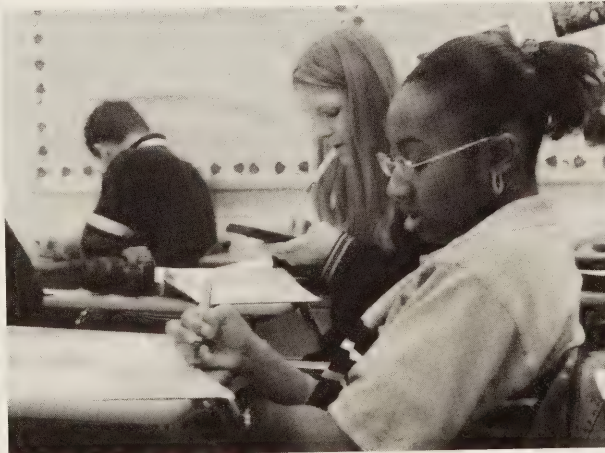
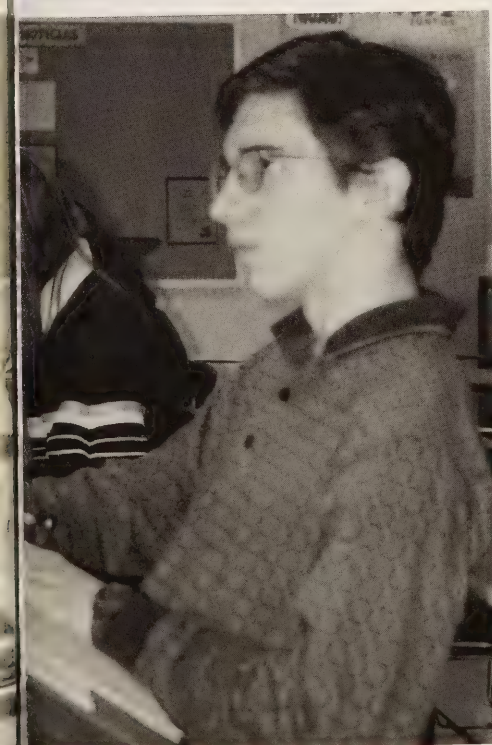


Getting friendly with Mrs. McCrum, Josh Kerns chats with the Economics teacher after class. *Photo by Meghan O'Brian.*



Trying to cheer up people in the nursing home, Cindy Dodd, a junior, brings a collie to her. *Photo by Ashley Ferren.*

Doodling in her notebook, April Stewart passes the time during her study hall. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*



During Japanese class, Daniel Brown pays attention to the television screen for instruction. *Photo by Ryan Coleman.*

LEFT TO RIGHT: Presenting a project in their English class, Leigha Surles and Krystal Kasen enlighten their classmates. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.* Working hard to finish a journal, senior BJ Sayles puts his thoughts on paper. *Photo by Patrice Hughey.* Mrs. Clark talks to Mrs. Wheelbarger's class. *Photo Ashley Ferren.* Acting out in Mrs. Dornan's English 11 class, Agee Showers and Ashley Greer play their part.

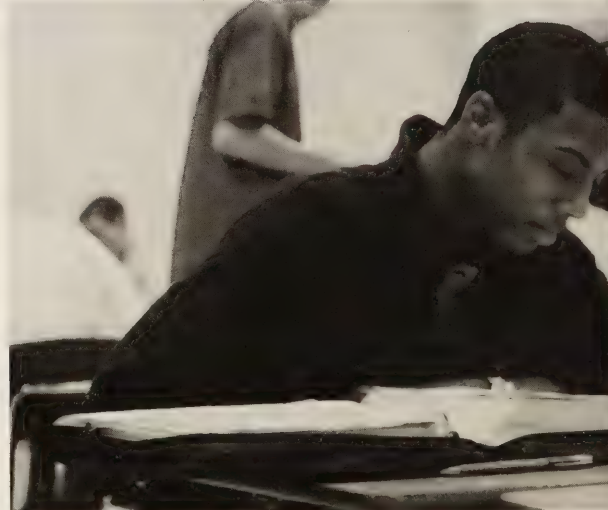


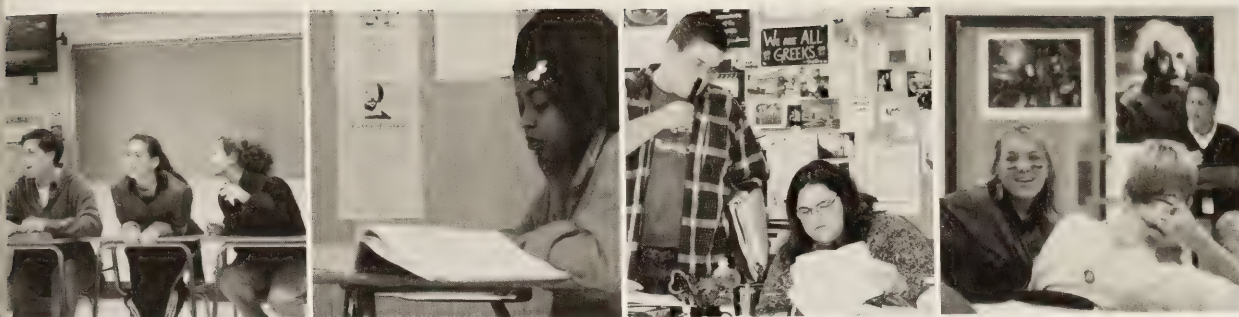
Dressing the part, Colleen Danyluck plays the role of a Greek God. The students in Mrs. Gebhart's class had to present their projects to the class. *Photo by Matt Smith.*

AP Composition student Leah Finley reads up on her literature during Mrs. Ivans Class. *Photo by Kelly Romine.*



Waiting for their turn to perform, Elita Walker and Linsay Harmon practice their lines for a skit in AP English 12. The skit was based on *Everyman*, a morality of the middle ages. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*





LEFT TO RIGHT: Debating in class, James Blackburn, Laura Wunderlick and Alyson Seay answer questions. Photo by Ashley Ferren. Reading an assignment in class, Tanisha Montaque, gets a head start on the homework. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Wondering about his grade on a test, Senior Nick Barksdale asks Ms. Jones. Photo by Jon Broughton. During a discussion in Mrs. Wheelbarger's class, Junior Jen Greenfield turns around to see who asked a question. Photo by Ashley Ferren.

MAKE YOUR MARK S P A R A E D B Y A C O M M O N L A N G U A G E

by allison sapp



Studying while listening to the teacher, junior Renee Keeler pays close attention in her AP Composition class with Ms. Ivan. This was the first year that an AP class was offered as an alternative to the other 11th grade English classes. Photo by Kelly Romine.

IT LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION, READING BOOKS, POETRY, WRITING ESSAYS, AND EXPRESSING YOUR THOUGHTS.

"It made me read a lot of books that I never would have read," said junior Adam Conner of his AP English 11 class. "I've learned a lot from reading them. Reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* changed my outlook on the time period and race relations in America. You hear about things like slavery, but the book made it real to me."

Sophomore Cathy Hilker said her classes' study of *Oedipus Rex* was most interesting.

"We studied Greek mythology at the same time," she said. "I really like learning about that too."

Other students also found the required

class an enlightening experience.

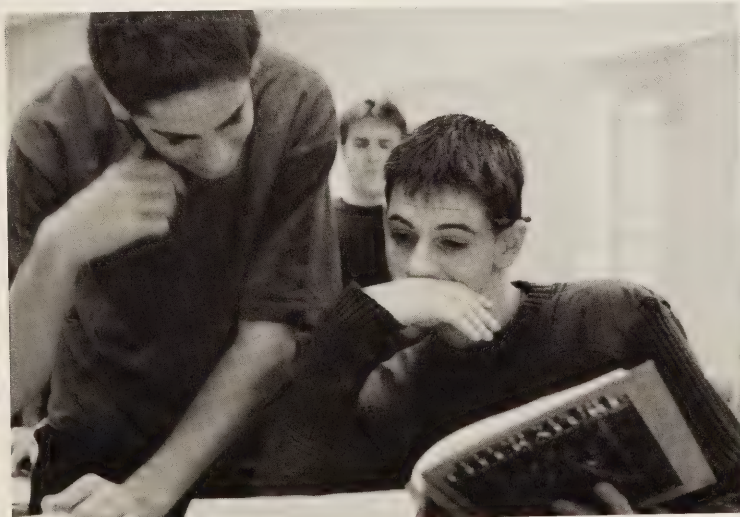
"English class has helped open my mind [about a lot of issues] and I have a better feel for writing essays," said senior Floyd Wood.

"Reading things such as *Macbeth* has given me new things to think about. I can see how things connect together," he said.

"I've gotten a lot more practice [at writing essays]," he said. "Much more experience, and most things are learned through practice."

"It's really helped me improve my writing skills," senior Amy Roberts said of her English class.

Roberts said she planned to study business in college because "I want to eventually go into business and I will need to know how to write."



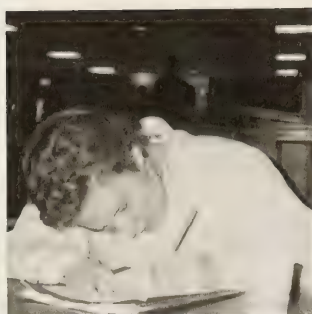
Getting answers for a worksheet, Andre Burnett uses his textbook in Mrs. Wheelbarger's Advanced. English 11 class. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

Looking for answers in their literature book, Juniors Adam Wisnieski and Brandon Rehberg, partner up. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.



Going over a test that was handed back, Junior T.J. McNally checks his grade in AP English Composition. Photo by Kelly Romine.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Nicole Wright finishes up her pages. ASL teacher, Mrs. Hutto, signs to the class. Photo by Stevi Antosh. Greg Pavela looks over his debate papers. Debate coach Ms. Tempesta sits on the bus enroute to a debate competition.

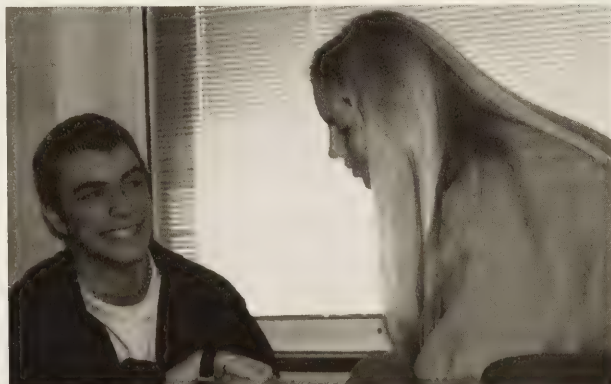


One main teaching technique used in American Sign Language class was translating sentences on the overhead. Senior, Ben White translates signs in his fifth period class. "I really like ASL because I get to communicate a lot in class," said White. Photo by Stevi Antosh.

Signing the word senior to the class, Mrs. Hutto teaches them how to sign school related words. Part of her daily agenda was teaching the students a list of words each day. Photo by Stevi Antosh.



Talking without words in American Sign Language, Brooke Brauer teaches Jon Wassink how to form certain signs with his hands. "Most people think that sign language would be a quiet class, but it really isn't. Our teacher is good at reading and using facial expressions to communicate with us," said Wassink. Photo by Erin Watson.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Hutto signs to sophomore De Bell. Photo by Jon Wassink. Sylvia Diaz works on her paper. Photo by Jon Wassink. Crystal Samperton translates a sentence in ASL on the overhead. Photo by Stevi Antosh. Vicky Russell writes on the overhead in ASL. Photo by Stevi Antosh.

MAKE YOUR MARK Gettin' Your Point Across

by mary flanigen



Debate students have to research and prepare papers before presenting them. Ben Nickel gets help from Mrs. DelGrosso on how to word his argument correctly. Photo by Ryan Coleman.

IN ONE DAY A PERSON MIGHT HAVE ARGUED ABOUT MANY THINGS SOME OF THEM MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRIVIAL.

This year students had the opportunity to learn how to argue.

Debate class, taught by Mrs. DelGrosso, was described as interesting, fun, and a change from the usual required classes. Students in the class were taught how to debate an issue one on one and in groups to fix a problem.

"To do well in debate, you have to work hard and research your topic. You have to know what you are talking about and sometimes you have to debate the other side of what you may really believe," said senior Elizabeth Erndle.

Another similar class that was all about talking was Public Speaking. Students

taught by Ms. Campbell learned how to speak in front of groups and to get their point across accurately.

"You have to participate in front of the class and you have to try to improve in order to do well. If you are uneasy in front of an audience, the class can be very difficult," said junior Amanda Antosh.

American Sign Language (ASL) was another class where the focus was on communicating effectively.

"I wanted to learn sign language so I could communicate with the deaf," said sophomore Amanda Heiman. "We take tests where Mr Byrd signs us a sentence and we have to write out the sentence. I took the class as an elective credit and found that the class was actually fun."



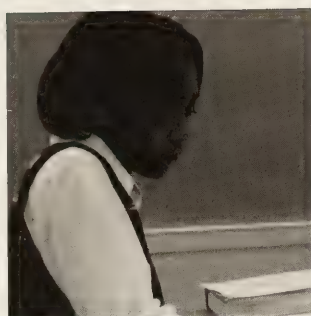
In Public Speaking the students are required to make many presentations in front of the class. Mrs. Campbell gives Brooke Brauer helpful advice on speaking in front of the other students. Photo by Stevi Antosh.

American Sign Language requires a lot of participation from the students. Sophomores Daunte Snowden and De Bell watch as Mrs. Hutto teaches them a new sign. Photo by Jon Wassink.



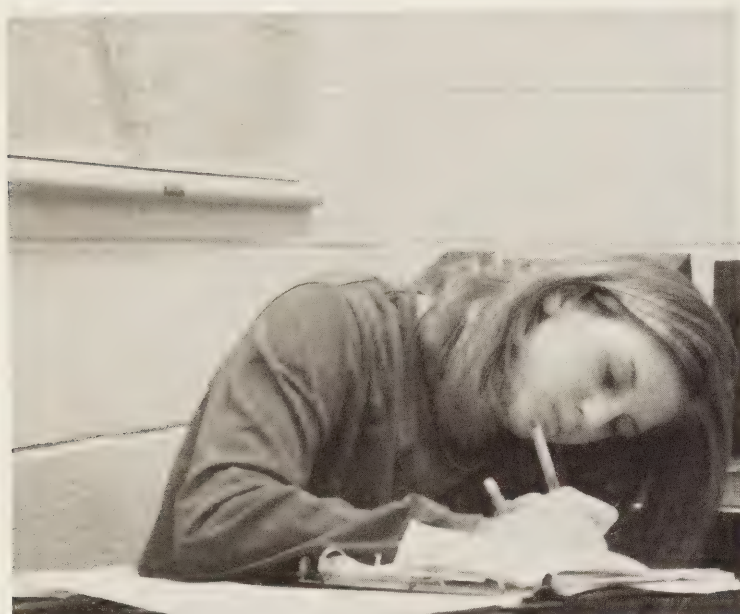
In Debate working on projects was a great way to argue their points on paper. Fixing the corrections on his rough draft, senior Kwai Hopkins contemplates where to begin. Photo by Ryan Coleman.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Yancey concentrating on homework in History. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Robbie Springman scanning the Geography book. Photo by Mary Benton. Taking notes Kathy Ovard concentrates in History. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Listening to her teachers instruction, Laura Weidenbach does her work. Photo by Jazmine Alcazar.



Working hard in class, Ashley Greer, races against the clock to finish a paper before the bell rings. Photo by Amy Roberts.

Looking through her notes, Amanda Ray, concentrates on finding the answer during her history class. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.



MAKE YOUR MARK **Know your Current Events**

by jenn saeman & stevi antosh



Listening to his teacher, Charles Kent, a senior in government, waits for a pause to comment in the open discussion. Photo by Patrice Hughey.

FOR FOUR YEARS, ONCE A DAY YOU WALKED INTO A SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSROOM AND THE PAST MET THE PRESENT.

Government was one of senior **Charlie Coleman's** most enjoyable classes.

"I love government, because it gives me the chance to voice my opinion, and an opportunity to show my ability to work well with others," said Coleman.

Projects such as the creation of individual political parties led to lively discussions which Coleman said he really enjoyed.

"You get learn where everybody else stands on the touchy issues, but at the same time we learned to come to an agreement. That the answer was not to kill each other. It didn't change my

mind, but it did influence the way I go about things. I've learned to try not to be condescending."

Junior **Bridget Benedict** felt the same way about her U.S. History class.

"[Mr. Seaman] class in general affects me in a positive way, because it makes me want to do well and learn more," Benedict said of her social studies teachers' instruction.

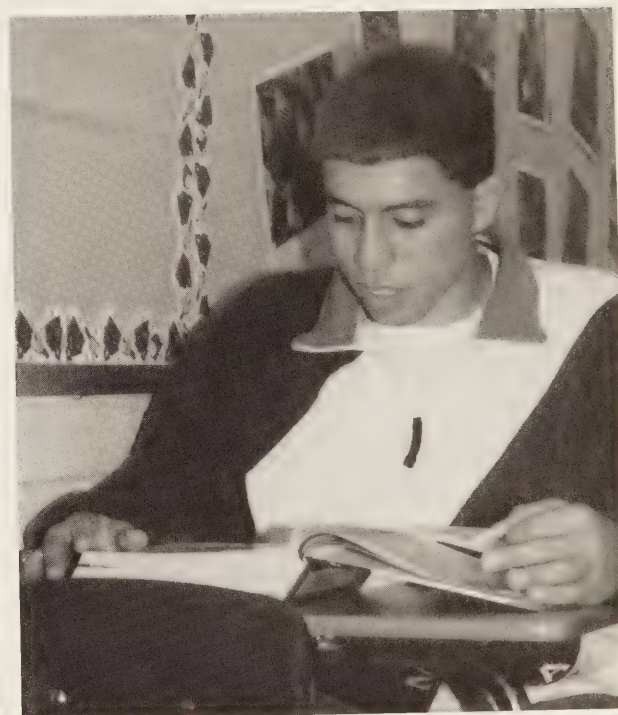
"He makes class interesting by reenacting historical events," she added. "He acted out the assassination of Lincoln from where Lincoln sat. He even acted out the fall of Wilkes-Booth and used balloons for gun shots. It was so hilarious to see Mr. Seaman jump up onto a desk and do the re-enactment. He brought history to life."



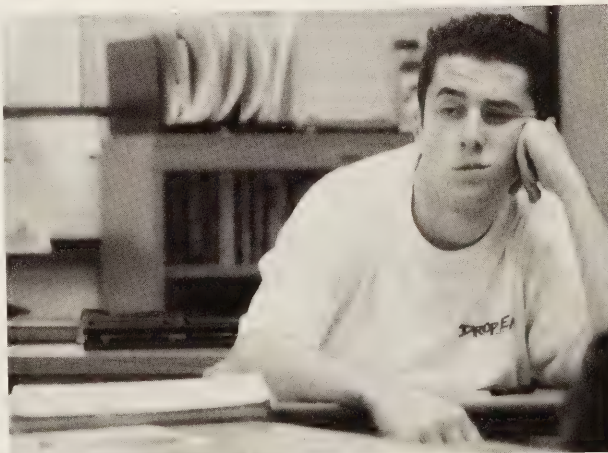
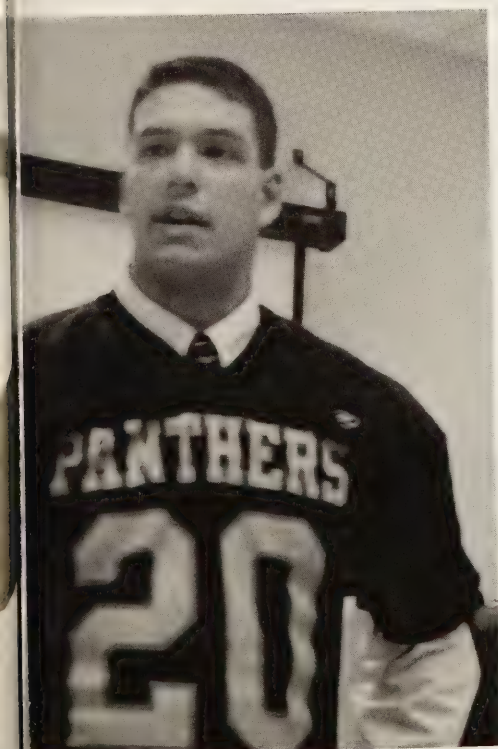
LEFT TO RIGHT: Falling asleep, Josh Cox, awaits the end of History class. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Allison Williams-Mele working on a History assignment. Photo by Mary Benton. Steve Adams and Megan Aldrich talk quietly during free time in History class. Photo by Ashley Ferren. Tim Allmond participating during History class. Photo by Ashley Ferren.



Working together as partners, Jay Fairchild and Jessica Cornish, cooperate on a History assignment in Mr. Shinberger's class. Photo by Ashley Ferren.



Trying to study before Mr. Seamen's U.S. history class, John Broughton tries to cram in a few last minute concepts. Photo by Jasmine Alcazar.



Teaching his class about ancient civilizations, Mr. Seaman, a U.S. History teacher tries to get his class more involved in the discussion. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

Squinting at the overhead during his Virginia and U.S. government class, Shawn Humberger, tired and anxious to get out of class, pays attention to the notetaking minutes before the bell. Photo by Patrice Hughey.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Keith Parker reviews notes in AP Government. Photo by Erica Thomas. AP students wait for the train after a fieldtrip in Washington. Photo by Adam Conner. At the Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C., Randall Pierce, Kerri White, and Justin Peabody look over the second floor balcony onto exhibits below. Photo by Adam Conner. Tim Hepp takes notes in his AP English Composition class. Photo by Erica Thomas.



MAKE YOUR MARK The Future Is Now

by sarah moran



AP students take a break from touring exhibits at the National Portrait Gallery on a fieldtrip to Washington. Photo by Adam Conner.

AP ENGLISH 11 WAS OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AP CLASSES TO 16.

"It's a tough class," said junior Colby Goetz, "but it's worth it because some of the material we cover helps with other classes. It helps prepare you for college."

"We do practice tests, which are extremely hard, to get us ready for the real AP test in May. We also do tons of in-class essays which really boosts our vocabulary and improves our writing skill," he added.

"We read a lot, write a lot, and always have homework," said junior Alicia Prickett another student enrolled in the class.

"I want to get through freshman college English before I get there [to college]," she said, "so it will be one less thing

I have to worry about in college. I took the class to help me improve my writing skills..."

"AP English is more fun," said senior Nick Barksdale. "We have discussions in class about everything we read. You have an opportunity to voice your opinion and to hear everyone else's. So you get different interpretations."

"The class has made me more open-minded," he added. "I really liked reading 1984 because it shows human nature and not it a good way. I thought it was very true to life."

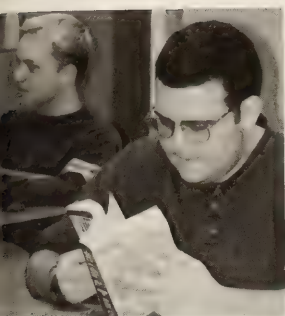
"In AP Spanish, we have to interpret lots of stories, dissect them, and discuss them," said senior Robert Basso who had to commute to Courtland each morning in order to take the class.



Riding the train for an hour allows the students to talk with one another. Philip Seidman, Claire Boswell, and Stephanie Holland take time to relax. Photo by Adam Conner

Reading a board that gave the history of trains, Kerri White and Chip Clark kill time at Union Station. Photo by Adam Conner.





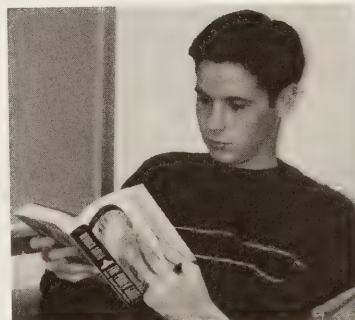
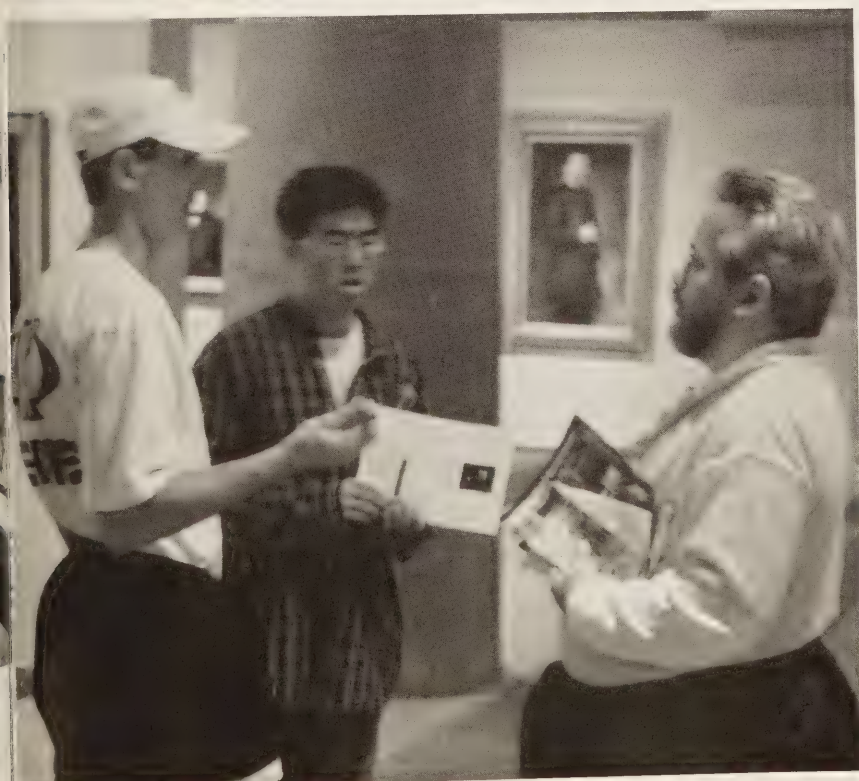
LEFT TO RIGHT: Thomas McGrath familiarizes himself with a selection from his AP Government book. *Photo by Erica Thomas.* AP students take a coffee break at Union Station. *Photo by Adam Conner.* AP students relax on the train after a long day visiting museums. *Photo by Adam Conner.* Kathy Ovard and Jennifer Craig explore the Museum of Natural History. *Photo by Adam Conner.*



At the Museum of Natural History, Randall Pierce views a holographic representation of the molecules in a crystal. *Photo by Adam Conner*



With free time to spare, Jimmy McGee, Jonathan Morrow, and fellow classmates test their reflexes on a board of lights. *Photo by Adam Conner*



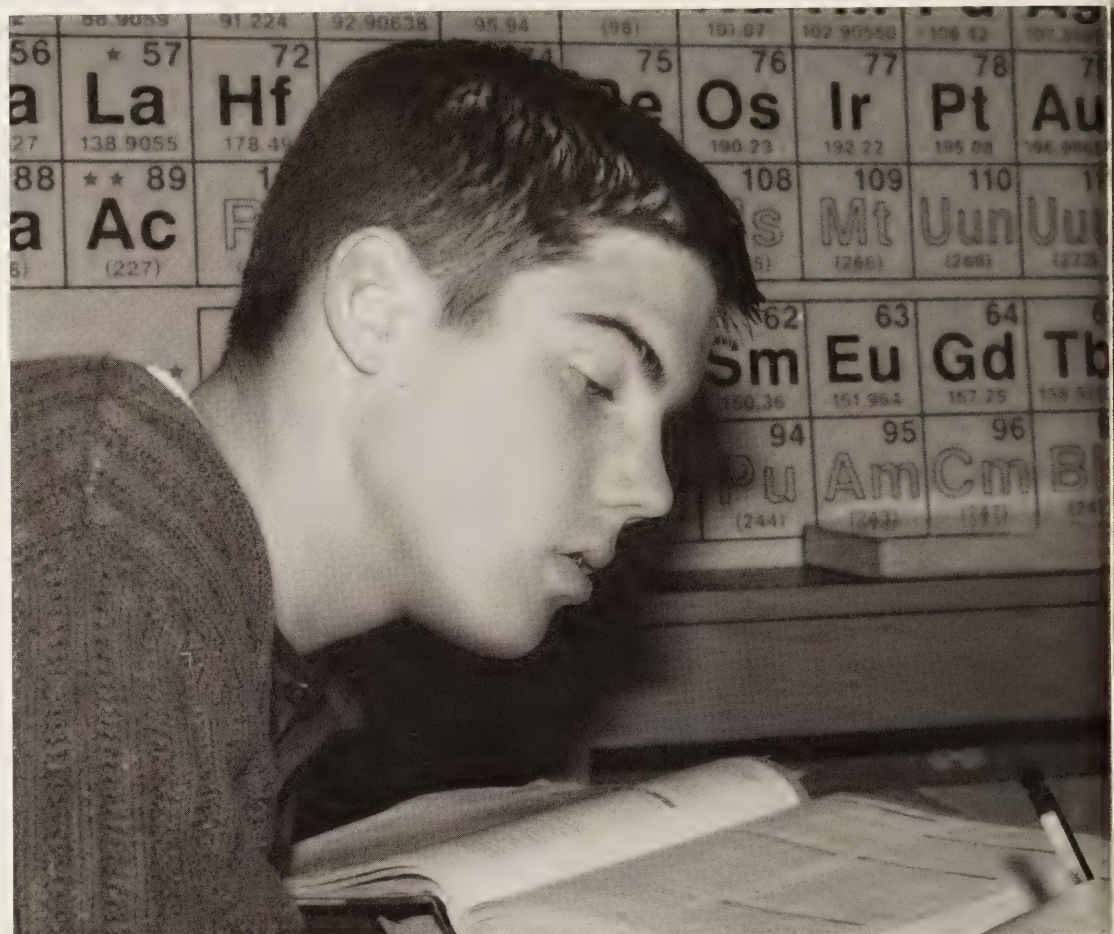
Studying his class reading assignment, *The Power Game* by Hedrick Smith, Glen Sturtevant AP Government. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*

AP History teacher John Shinberger, reviews art with his students, Hansub Chong and Jonathan Morrow. *Photo by Adam Conner*

LEFT TO RIGHT: Courtney Snodgrass bonds with a tree in Bio II Seminar. Photo by Nick Barksdale. Cindy Morris listens and takes notes during second period chemistry. Photo by Kelly Romine. April Ace does her classwork at the podium in chemistry class. Photo by Christina Colley. Josh Cox and Nicole Kosco examine a good tree for their Bio II assignment. Photo by Nick Barksdale.

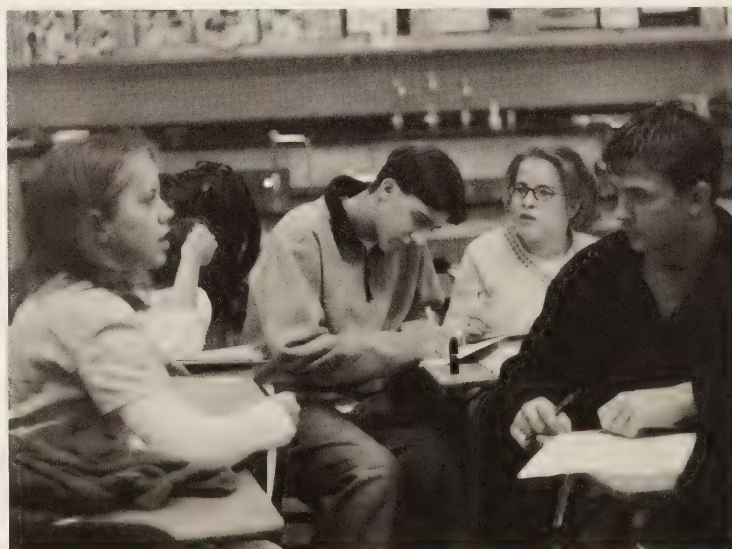


Concentrating on his classwork assignment, Justin Peabody solves chemical equations in his seventh period Advanced Chemistry class. Photo by Adam Conner.



Gazing skyward, Kevin Morin sizes up a tree for his Bio II Seminar project. Need a quote or explanation of project. Photo by Ryan Coleman.

Reviewing before their Advanced Biology test, Danielle McKenrick, Eric Bliss, Jenny Nielsen, and Corey McGhee share questions and answers with each other to help them study. Photo by Cathy Hilker.



Forming a Conclusion. After conducting a biology lab, Tiffany Williams and Brian Hoffman work together to develop a conclusion for their experiment. Photo by Cathy Hilker.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. King has a conversation with Kelly Romine and Mary Flanigen over chemistry. *Photo by Christina Colley.* Donna Laird concentrates on her chemistry lab while answering questions for the experiment. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.* Jennie Payne creates a chalk drawing in the bus parking lot for a Bio II project. *Photo by Ryan Coleman.* Amy Upperman focuses on working out chemical equations from her book. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*

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How the World Works

by jo-al simmerman



Comfortable Classwork. During her second period chemistry class, Rachel Taylor finds a comfortable position for doing her daily assignment. *Photo by Kelly Romine.*

JOEY MORIN NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH OF AN IMPACT ONE TEACHER COULD HAVE ON HIS WHOLE LIFE. THEN HE SIGNED UP FOR MR. PELLEGREEN'S ASTRONOMY CLASS.

"It is kind of interesting. I never really was all that interested in science itself, but then I met Mr. Pellegreen, and he helped me realize that astronomy is a huge part of science. I love to look at stars, and hopefully in college I will get to study them," the senior said.

Biology II seminar had a similar impact on senior Ryan Coleman.

"Taking the class has really sparked my interest in Biology," Coleman said. "I have learned a lot about the basic functions of life and I would like to take biology classes in college. I want to learn more about animals and nature."

Other students also found their sci-

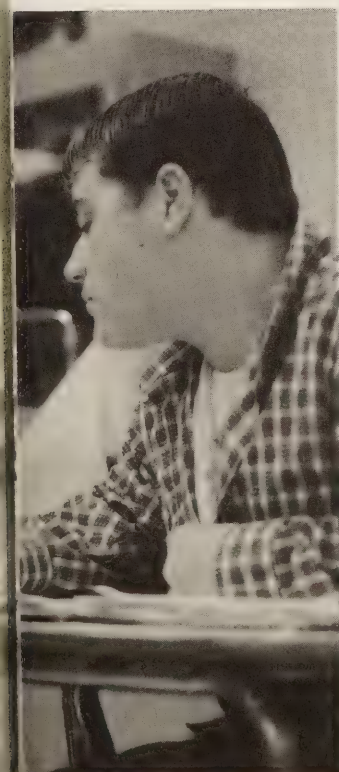
ence studies to have a lasting impact.

"Science is the key to the future," junior Ian Kaila said. "[Mr. Stollemeyer] has challenged me to do a better job in [Advanced Biology]. When I thought I had done my best, he pushed me to do better. It really makes you think about your limits, maybe there aren't any," said Kaila.

"Technology is going to take over indefinitely. In the future all technology is going to be determined by science," Kaila added.

Everything around us has to do with science. Whatever I do when I grow up, it will involve computers and science is a big part of computers," said freshman Robert Edwards.

"You can use meteorology everyday with the weather and because the weather is always changing, that makes it interesting."

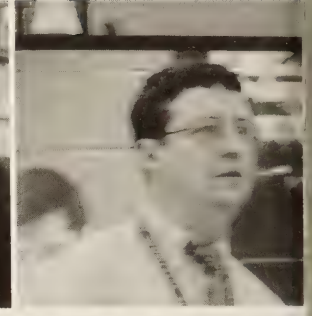
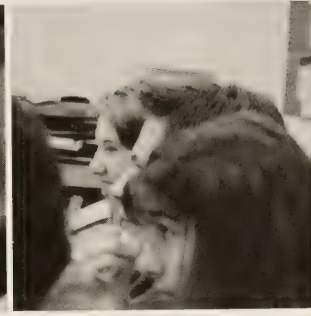
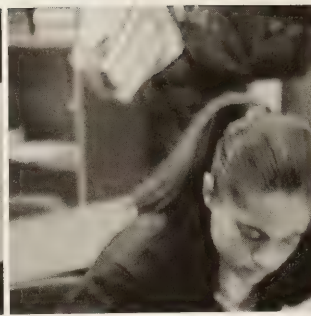


Snacking on a sucker, Randall Pierce takes notes and balances equations during his Advanced Chemistry class. *Photo by Adam Conner.*

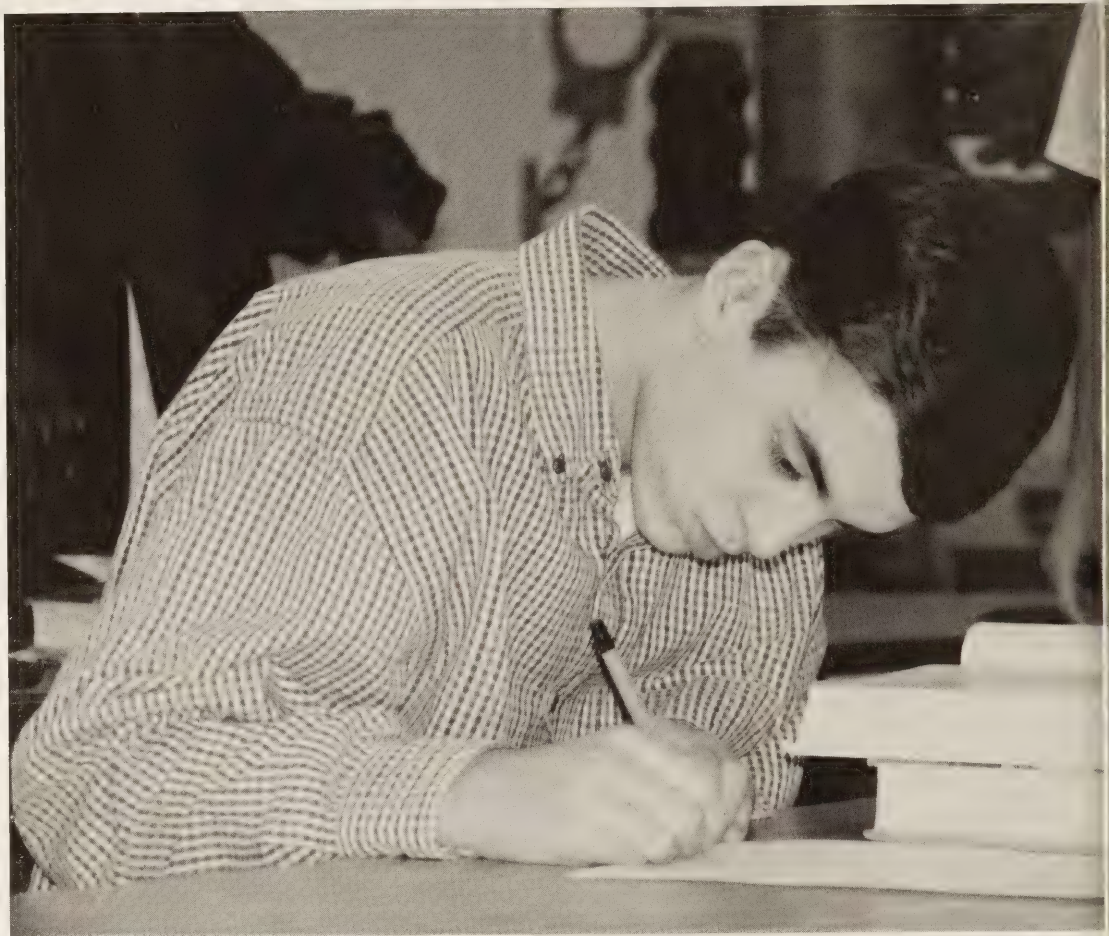
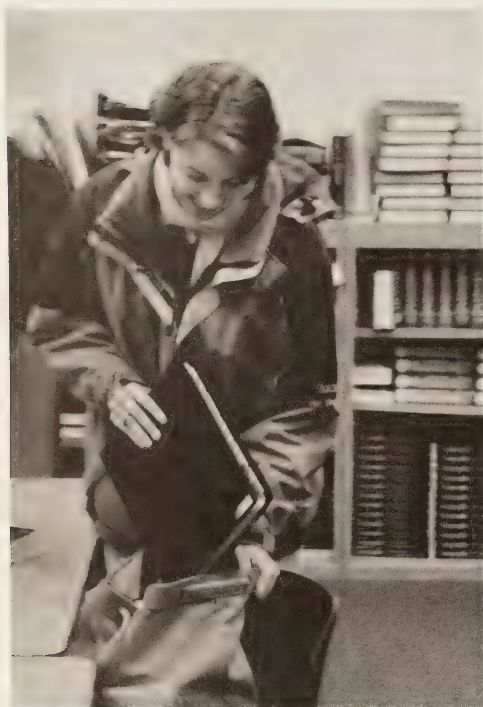


Working on a Bio II project, Richard Erwin contemplates the scope of his experiment. *Photo by Nick Barksdale.*

LEFT TO RIGHT: Josh Cox gets off the school bus on his way back from CGS. Photo by Colt Hagmier. Lindsay Biddinger is hard at work during class at CGS. Photo by Colt Hagmier. CGS students Ashley Cinalli, Justin Arocho, and Cami Thompson are captivated by their instructor. Photo by Colt Hagmier. One of the county's finest history teachers, Bob Stack giving a rousing speech. Photo by Colt Hagmier.

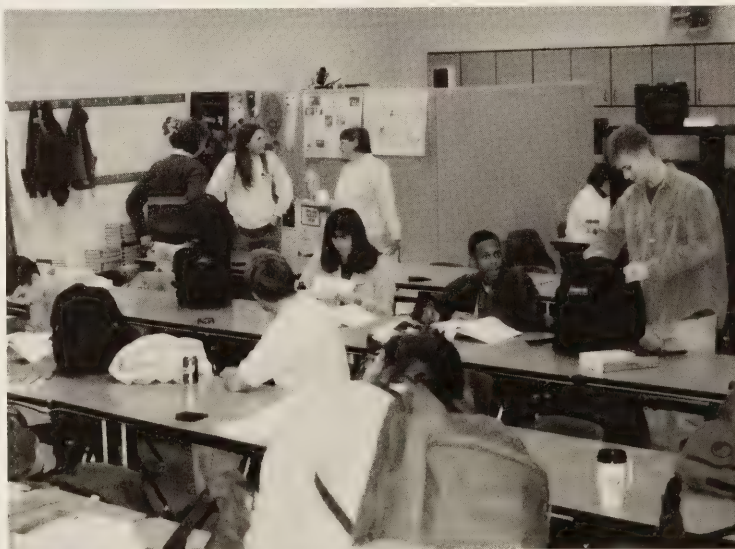


Working diligently, junior Josh Cox works out of a textbook to complete an assignment. Photo by Colt Hagmier.



Time winds down on another day of Governor's School for junior Cami Thompson, who packs up her supplies. Photo by Colt Hagmier.

Here all the students from various schools interact. "One of the best parts of the whole experience is that I get to mingle and learn with students from all over the county," said junior Richard Erwin. Photo by Colt Hagmier.



Back at their home school, juniors Ben Cox and Richard Erwin get their books for their remaining classes after returning from the morning at Governor's School. Photo by Colt Hagmier.



Left to Right: Justin Arocho and Ben Cox in one of their four classes at Governor's School. Photo by Colt Hagmier. Mr. Stack and Mr. Agnew, live via satellite, conduct a joint class. Photo by Colt Hagmier. Mrs. Clark teaches her science class. Photo by Colt Hagmier. Travellers Richard Erwin, Ben Cox, Stacy Torrell, and Cami Thompson load up their bus to Governor's School. Photo by Colt Hagmier.

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Leaving the bus that took them back and forth, juniors Josh Cox and Lindsay Biddinger prepare to go to lunch back at school. Photo by Colt Hagmier.

THE CONSTANT BUZZ OF ELECTRONICS GIVES THE FIRST HINT THAT THE CLASSROOM IS UNUSUAL. THE MURAL ON THE WALL CONTAINING A LARGER-THAN-LIFE GUINEA PIG GIVES THE NEXT CLUE.

Although the official motto of the Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS) was "Pioneers for future frontiers," last year the students affectionately referred to themselves as "guinea pigs."

"It's a comfortable atmosphere," said tenth-grader Juliet Zerich of the CGS experience.

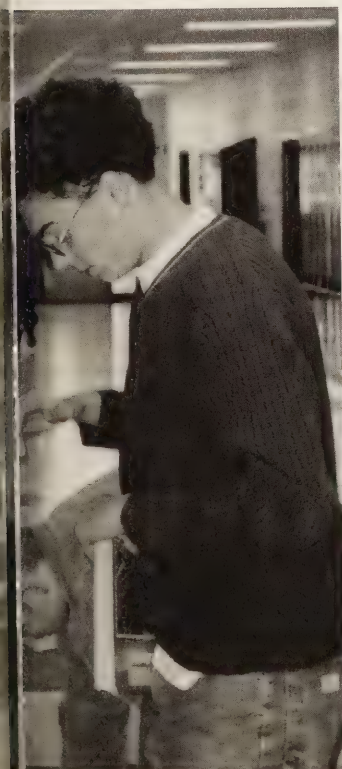
The school's primary focus was on a highly challenging academic program and use of state of the art technology. Students were bussed to the vocational center

and took four core subjects—English, History, Math and Science—returning to their home schools for others.

In the CGS classroom students interacted with teachers and students miles away. A push of a button and a camera allowed them to ask a questions of teachers from another site.

"It's a chance to work with people that usually have the same interests as you," said Zerich. "Before [in 'regular' school] if you worked really hard on a project, you would be made fun of. But at CGS if you work hard on something, you are respected."

"[CGS] gives you an early crash-course in prioritizing," said Zerich. Another goal of the CGS program is to prepare students for college, and for a lifetime of learning.

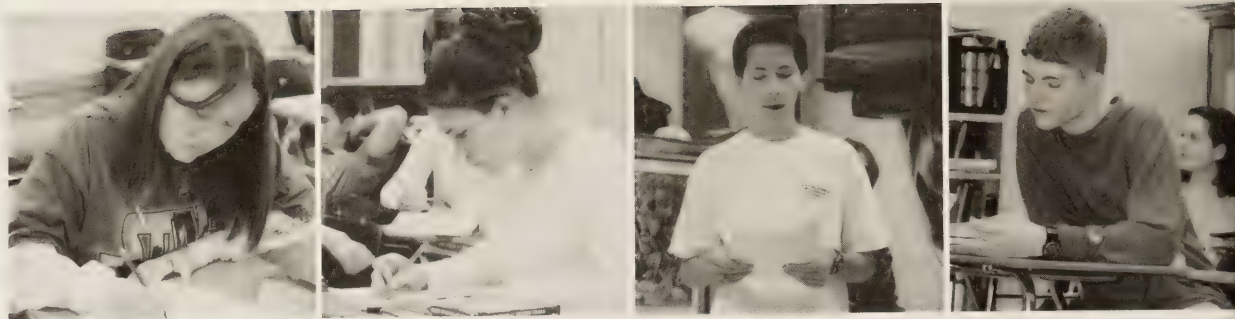


Preparing to board the bus, juniors Justin Arocho and Josh Cox talk before leaving in the morning. Photo by Colt Hagmier.

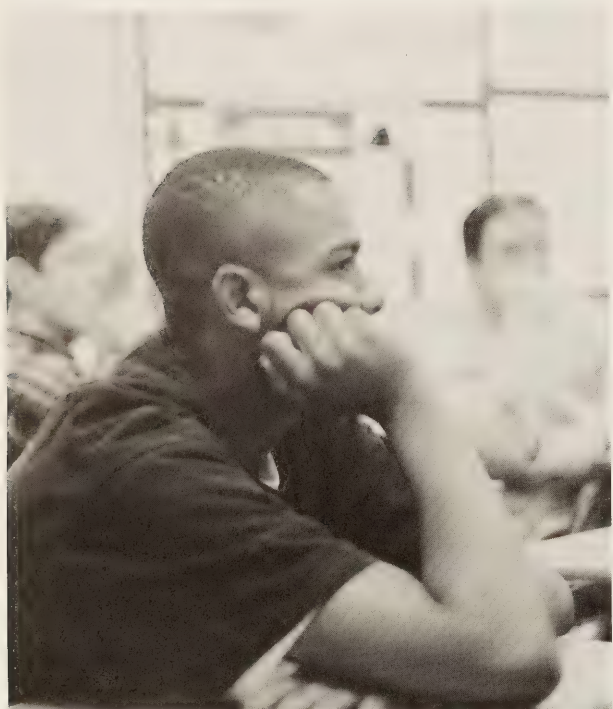


An attendee of Governor's School, junior Cami Thompson takes a break from schoolwork. Photo by Colt Hagmier.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Allison Williams-Mele finishes up Spanish I work. Photo by Mary Benton. Shana Romano colors in a Spanish project. Photo by Leigha Surles. Justin Arocho does his Spanish project. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Sean Hogan reads a paragraph in German. Photo by Jon Wassink.



Mrs. McCrary brought in some medical tools for the class to play with for their health unit. Alex Peabody, Antonio Nunez, Carmen Rios, and Cathy Ovard show the class how to use them. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.



Listening to Mrs. Remmie speak Spanish, Mike Hudson sits anxiously waiting for his turn to speak the language. In Spanish 1 students get familiar with the pronunciation of certain words. Photo by Mary Benton.

Awaiting directions in Spanish 1, Timothy Lee hopes he understands the directions given in Spanish. Students are told the directions in Spanish to get them familiar with the language. Photo by Mary Benton.



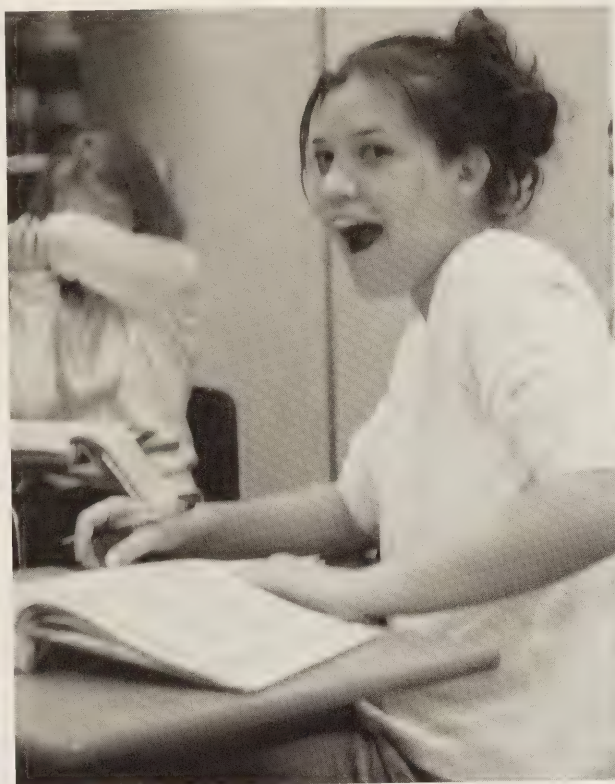
Watching a presentation in Spanish, Jasmine Alcazar takes notes while a classmate performs their presentation. Watching their peers speak Spanish helps their understanding of the language. Photo by Adam Connor.



reasons for choosing to become members of the county's smallest senior class are many. Some came for a new beginning and the schools opening offered just that.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Roger Strothers colors in his map. *Photo by Leigha Surles.* Kyle Norwood asks a question. *Photo by Erica Thomas.* Kristopher Finch works on French. *Photo by Erica Thomas.* Andre Burnett works on French.



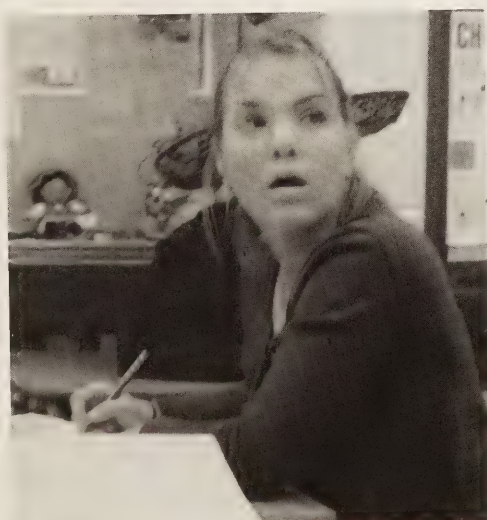
Doing her work in Spanish but caught talking with friends, Shana Romano gives a look of surprise. Staying on task is essential in a foreign language. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*



Using her time wisely Candice Price finishes up her map for Spanish. Students had time in class to do their maps. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*

MAKE YOUR MARK **BrEakiNg LAngUaGe** **barriErs**

by jenni ziegler



Hey! Jen Greenfield gets surprised as Mrs. McCrary lets her know how to do her classwork. Skipping ahead and doing work can really mess a student up. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*

SOMETIMES IT WAS A MATTER OF TRADITION.

"I signed up for Spanish because I have a Hispanic background and I wanted to learn more about it. I thought this would be the best way," said freshman **Brian Baez**.

"It's in the blood," said junior **Stephen Adams** who also had a hispanic heritage.

Sometimes it was a matter of familiarity.

"I didn't know what language I wanted to sign up for. I wanted to learn Spanish because so many people know it and it can only help you to know it too," said **Mary Benton**.

Students seemed pleased by their abil-

ity to speak a language other than their own.

"I like it most of the time, like when I can say what I mean in French, it's neat," said sophomore **Samantha Mitchell**.

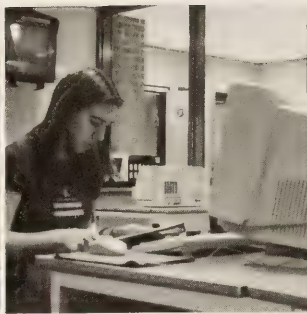
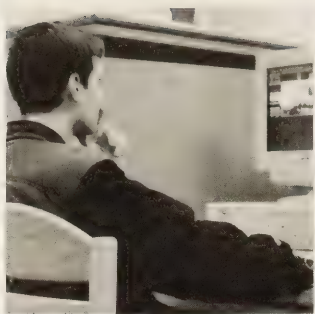
And Benton agreed.

"When I hear others talking in stores [in Spanish]. I say to myself 'hey, I understand that'."

Junior **Lindsay Biddinger** had different reasons why she enjoyed her AP Latin IV class.

"I like it," Biddinger said of her language choice. "It isn't spoken but it's very useful. It helps with SAT's and your understanding of other languages like Spanish and French, which come from Latin," she said.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Brian Sumner searches the web in the library. *Photo by Ashley Grant.* Leah Finley spends first period on Spanish research in the computer lab. *Photo by Kelly Romine.* Erica Thomas takes a photojournalism test during fourth period. *Photo by Amy Roberts.* Ryan Caltablano looks up facts on the internet. *Photo by Jazmine Alcazar.*



Working on his Spanish project, David Newton prepares to surf the net in the computer lab. "Computer work is a lot easier than doing it by hand," said Newton. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*

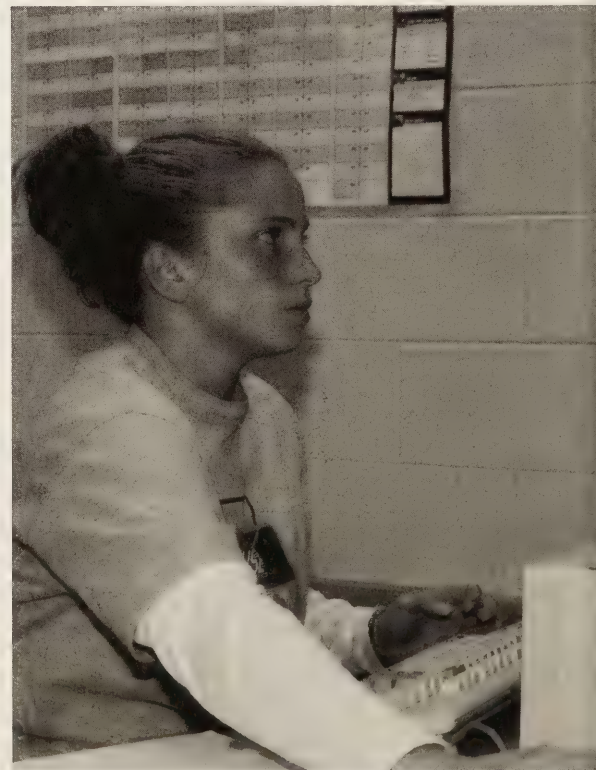


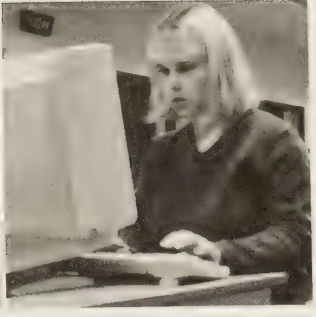
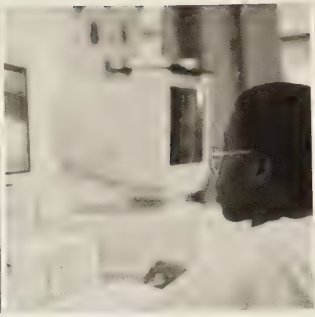
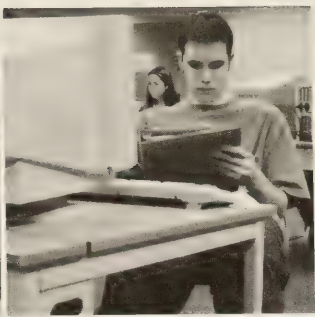
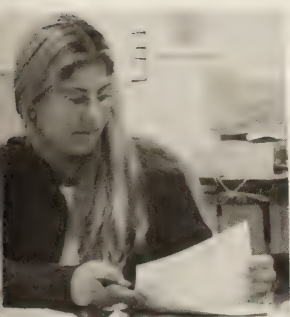
Making use of his free time, Robert Berry uses the computer during first period to send e-mail to a friend. When he wasn't writing email, Berry used the computer to edit pages for the yearbook. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

Researching for information, J.P. Yurgel and Elizabeth Easley work on a Spanish project. "Working on the computer is a lot more fun than taking notes," said Yurgel. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.*

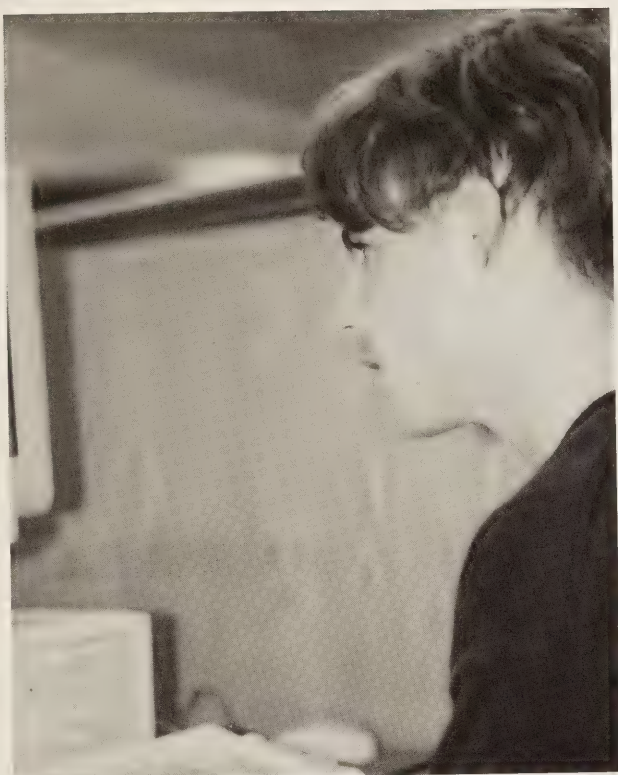


Gazing into her computer screen, Jenny Connell concentrates on creating pages for the latest issue of *the Growl*. Connell, the newspaper editor, spent many hours during the year working on the computer. *Photo by Sandra Woodcock.*

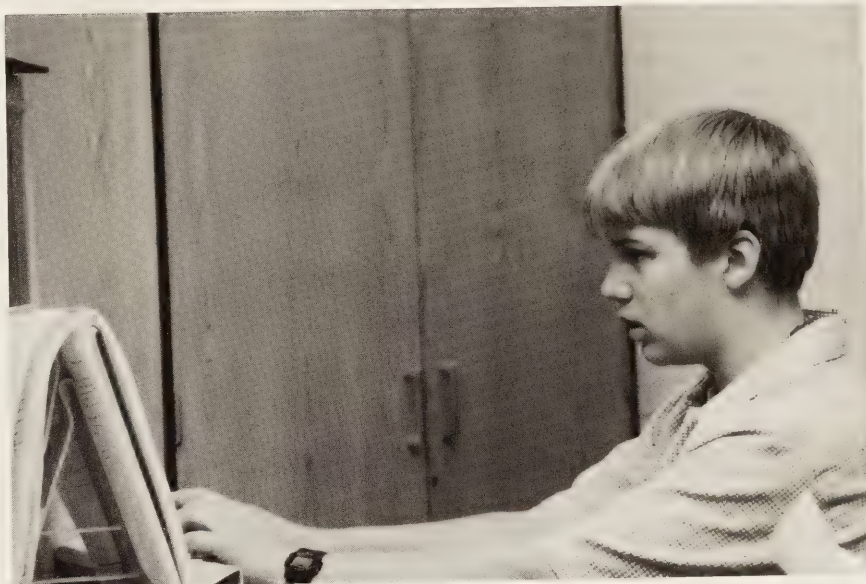




LEFT TO RIGHT: Ashley Grant organizes her photojournalism notebook. *Photo by Laura Weidenbach.* Philip Seidman jots down notes for a Spanish assignment. *Photo by Kelly Romine.* Dana Ford works on a typing assignment in computer class. *Photo by Mary Benton.* Catherine Walden focuses on her computer to find research for Spanish IV. *Photo by Kelly Romine.*



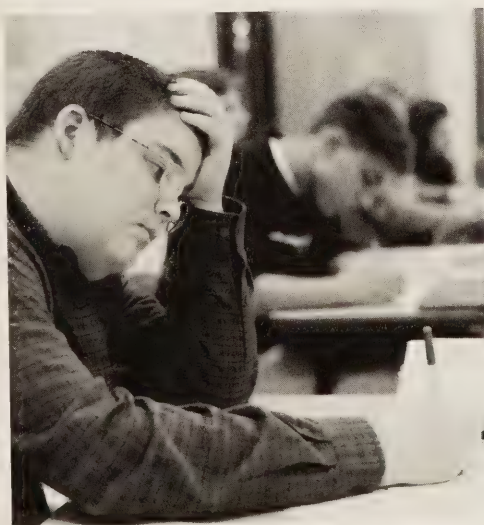
Searching on the library computer, Bobby Biggs works on a project for English. Students were always found in the library to work on upcoming papers and projects. *Photo by Meghan O'Brien.*



With a look of surprise, Christopher Barksdale types away on his daily assignment for computer class. Since it is a first period class, Barksdale admitted he is sometimes a little sleepy. *Photo by Patrice Hughey.*

MAKE YOUR MARK **Place your HANDS on**

by matthew smith



Trying to squeeze the right answers from his head, Nick Barksdale takes a test in photojournalism on camera usage. *Photo by Ryan Coleman.*

TECHNOLOGY PERVADED OUR LIVES AND WAS ALL AROUND US.

For students such as **Richie Grau**, classes dealing solely with technology were his daily routine.

"I take keyboarding, which hopefully will make my time at the computer more productive in the future," said Grau.

Technology made exceedingly time consuming or difficult activities into matters of simple key strokes.

"I use a TI-83 Plus calculator in my Geometry class. I wouldn't be able to do a lot of my work without it," said fresh-

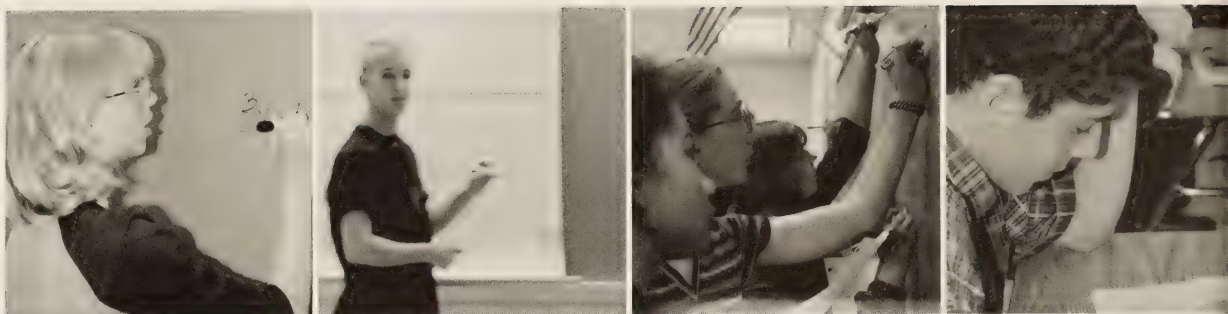
man **Mike Kenner**.

"I'm taking computer math to learn basic computer language," said senior **Bobby Bradley**. "I took the class so I wouldn't be blindsided by the college courses I'm going to have to take in order to get a minor in Computer Science."

Senior **Bret Raymond** also wanted to get a head start on a possible career choice.

"I took computer math to learn how to program because I might want to become a computer programmer," he said.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Ashley Pixley in Ms. Eastlake's Geometry class. Photo by Erica Thomas. Josh Hayes plots points in math class. Photo by Erica Thomas. Ryan Nobel, Bronwyn Leblanc Kinney, and Allison Gwynn do problems on the board in Algebra II. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Joe Santos concentrates in Ms. Eastlake's Geometry class. Photo by Erica Thomas.



MAKE YOUR MARK It's All In The Numbers

by mike eltringham



Using his extra time, Richie Erwin works on his math on the bus to Governor's School. Even though it was hard to come by, students found small amounts of free time to catch up on work. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.

THERE WAS ALWAYS ONLY ONE ANSWER AND THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR OPINIONS NOR NEED FOR ESSAYS.

"One part of math that I like is that when I'm struggling and I'm trying to get an answer. When I finally get it I can check it and there's no way that I can be wrong," said sophomore **Daniel Ross**. "In English, you can write 500 words on a topic and be way off."

But the exactness of math was not exactly for everyone.

"I like essay questions. You just put everything you know on there," said sophomore **Zac Shaw**. "Maybe you'll hit it. I don't like that in math if you don't understand a concept, it can be impossible for you to do more than one thing."

"When you're dealing with basic math concepts, it's really easy to deal with, but when I have trouble with something, I really have trouble," said sophomore **Cole**

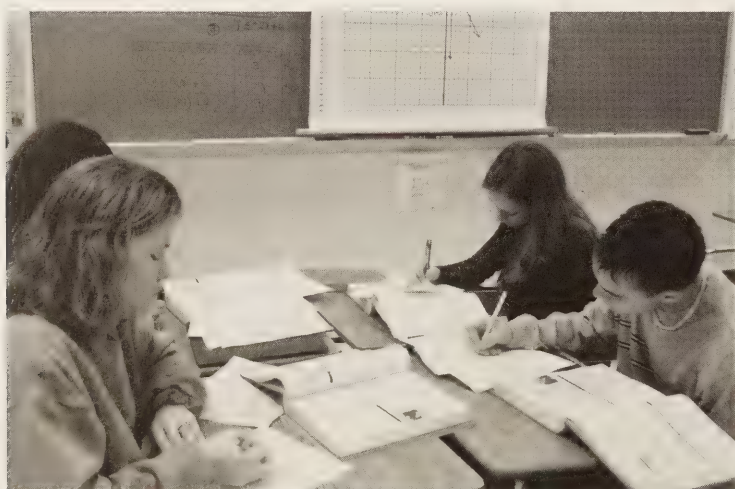
Eller.

Math could be the simplest of subjects or impossible to understand, but one thing remained certain.

"There are probably a lot of things in math class that I could do without in everyday life. I don't think I'll have to solve for 'x' at whatever career I choose," said Eller.

"You have to take Calculus in college," said senior **Jenny Connell**. "And I'm trying to alleviate the stress by doing well on the AP Exam [taken in May]. I'm pretty sure I can do well. Mrs. Jordan is the best teacher I've ever had."

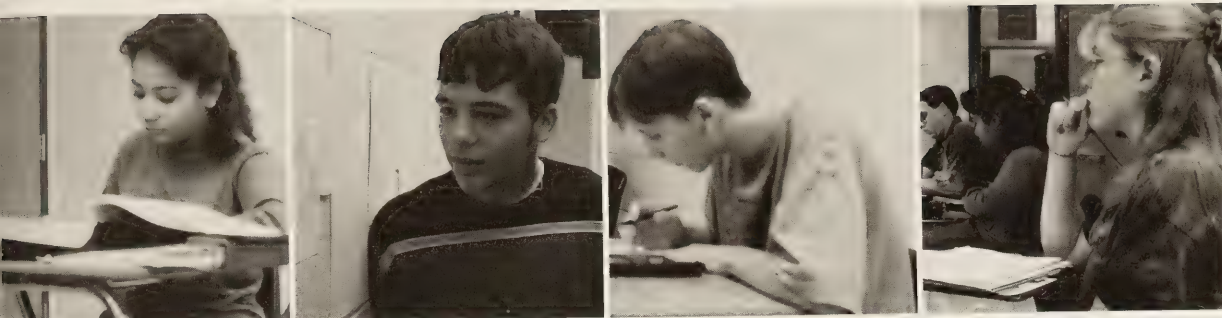
"I'm doing a lot better this year than I have in a long time," said senior **Alex Carter** a student in Pre-Calculus. "I want to be some sort of engineer, so math will be something I have to take. This year has given me confidence and I'm doing well."



With their books open and pencils sharpened, students Stefanie Hubble, Sandy Black and Paul Searles work swiftly to get their work done. Classwork fine tuned students' mathematics skills. Photo by Amy Roberts.

Helping to visualize a concept, Mr. Burner writes examples on the board. For some Advanced Algebra II students, visualization was part of learning. Photo by Cathy Hilker.

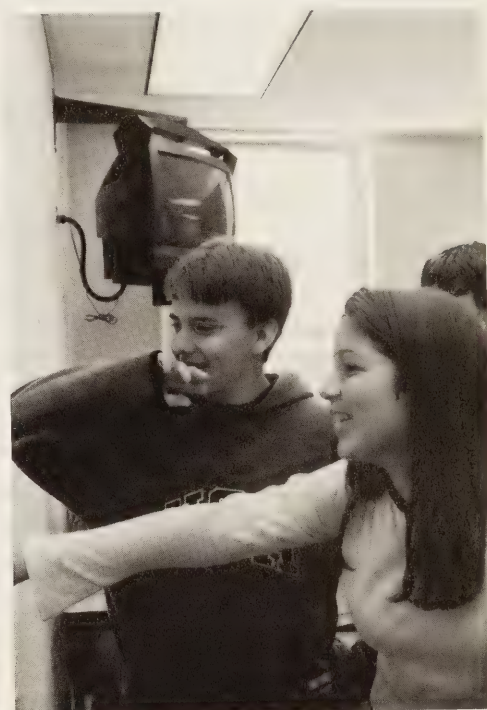




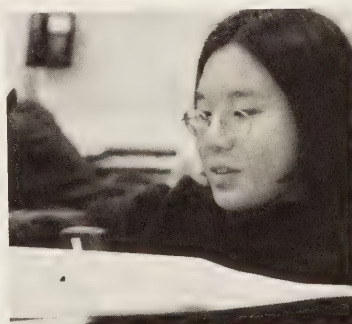
LEFT TO RIGHT: Ryan Nobel in Adv. Algebra II. Photo by Kelly Romine. Shane Dunlop checks his grade in Mr. Burner's Adv. Algebra II class. Photo by Kelly Romine. Chris Farmer computes in his math class. Photo by Kelly Romine. Keleah Souers-Beck in Math Analysis. Photo by Kelly Romine.



Working together, Algebra II students Ben Greene and Demetrios Moore solve for the variable. Group work made math a little more interesting to classmates. Photo by Amy Roberts.



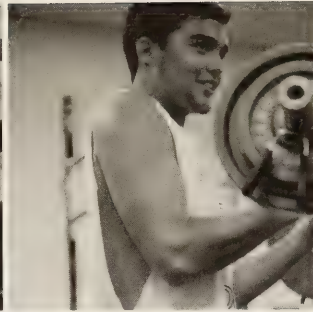
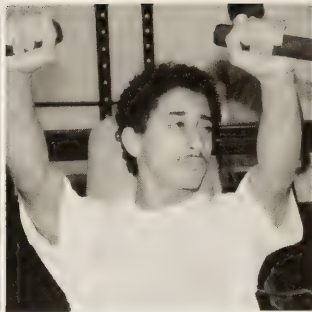
Grinning at their grades, Grace Santiago and Seth Henderson look at newly posted grades in Mr. Burner's Advanced Algebra II class. Posted grades created more competition among students. Photo by Kelly Romine.



Calculator in hand, Monica Chan works to get her work done. Calculators were a key tool in higher mathematics. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

Seeking advice from her teacher Mrs. Dishmen, student Raeshaun Williams learns a little extra. Math required students to pay close attention to examples given in class. Photo by Amy Roberts.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jessica Dorcy works on the leg press. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Dumetrius Samuel works out on the weight bench. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Andrew Shin works his physique during gym class. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Lindsay Carr plays badminton during her gym class. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.



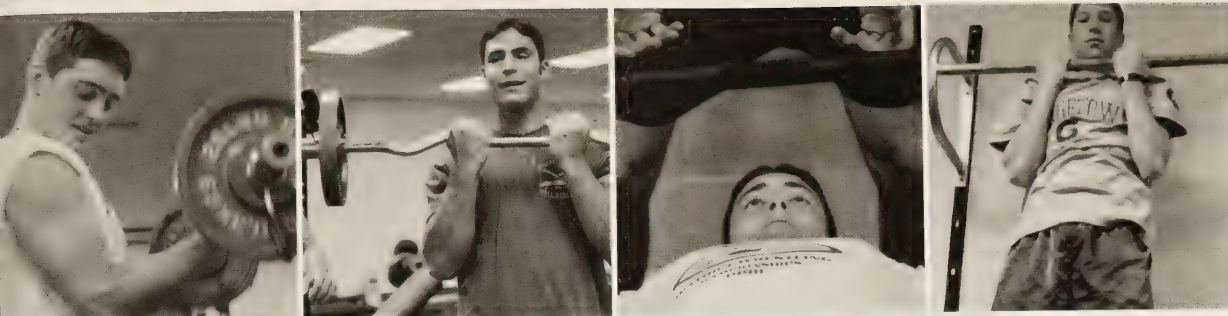
Working out those legs, Jennifer Greenfield does squats with the bar during her Recreational and Wellness class. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

While some work on their legs Jimmy Crabtree works on his arms. Crabtree is lifting weights to buff those arm muscles on the weight bench. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.



Being P.E. aides gives juniors James Blackburn and Todd Pickering the opportunity to play around during their free periods. Here they bat the birdie in a game of badminton. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

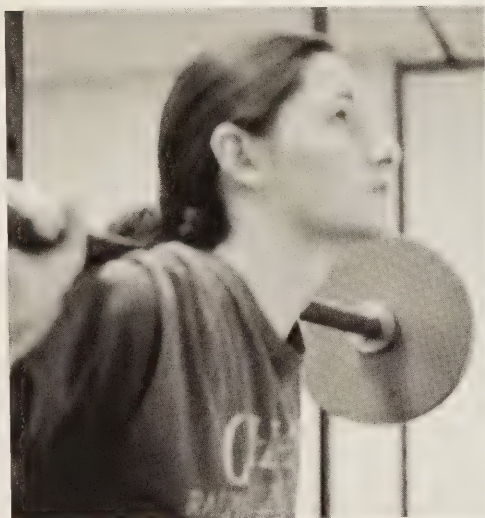




LEFT TO RIGHT: Doing curl ups with the curl bar Jason Young works those arms. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Also working out those arms is Ray Gill. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. Concentrating hard, Jason practices bench press. Photo by Laura Weidenbach. There are many ways to work out your arms, John Chakwin works his arms by doing pull ups. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

MAKE YOUR MARK IT DOES A BODY GOOD

by sandy woodcock



Holding steady, Jessica Dorcy works on her upper legs by doing sets of squats in Recreation and Wellness class. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

IDEALLY THERE WOULD BE MORE ACTIVITY TIME, LESS CLASSROOM TIME AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE CLASS FOR ALL FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL.

"I like the activity part, but not the classroom part," said sophomore Cathy Hilker. "I wish it was all activity."

Hilker said she liked P.E. and really enjoyed playing volleyball.

While Cindy Tydings liked both the classroom and the activity portion of her P.E. class, she did agree with Hilker on one thing.

"My favorite activity is volleyball," she said. "It's something I play in the summer with my friends and I like it."

Tyding's only complaint about the course had to do with running.

"My teacher makes us run for at least

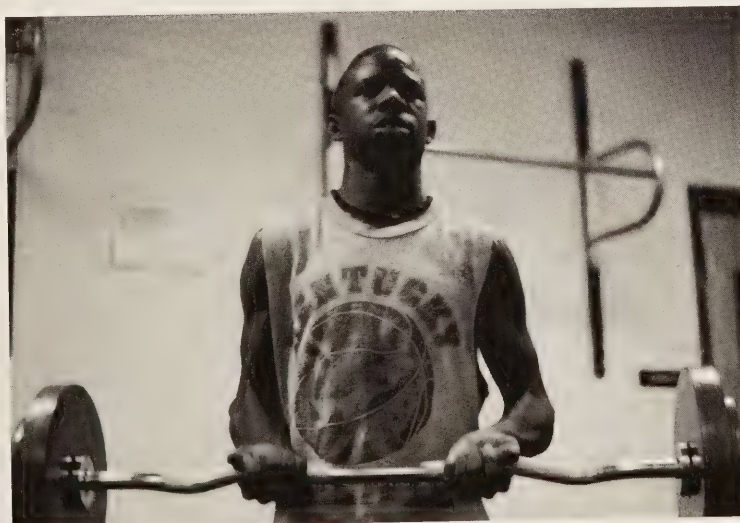
five minutes almost every day," Tydings said. "And I wish there was less running."

Without her P.E. class, Christal Brice said she wouldn't get regular exercise. She admitted that she didn't take the class as seriously as she should have and didn't always do well. This year her attitude changed.

"Regular exercise is a good thing," Brice said. "I wish that the class was offered as an elective for all four years of high school. So that by the time you graduated you had to have two credits, but it wouldn't matter when you got them."

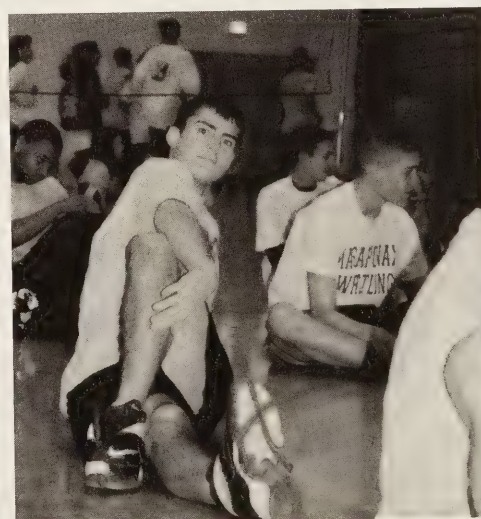
Junior Leigha Surles agreed with Brice.

"If the class periods were longer, I would have taken P.E. every year," she said. "I think it was a good energy release for me and I miss it this year."



Having a good time in gym class Robert Richards smiles as he does his daily warm up for gym along with his fellow classmates. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

Getting more buff, BJ Sayles works on his arms with the curl up bar. Lifting weights help him with his other sports. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.



During Gym, Trey Heubi stretches. Its a must to stretch so he doesn't pull any muscles while participating in gym. Photo by Laura Weidenbach.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jenna Searle in band class. Photo by Leigha Surles. Collen Fowler and Michael Pierce at marching band practice. Photo by Leigha Surles. James McGhee playing the trumpet at a football game. Photo by Leigha Surles. Aaron Graham playing the sou-saphone at marching band practice. Photo by Jazmine Alcazar.

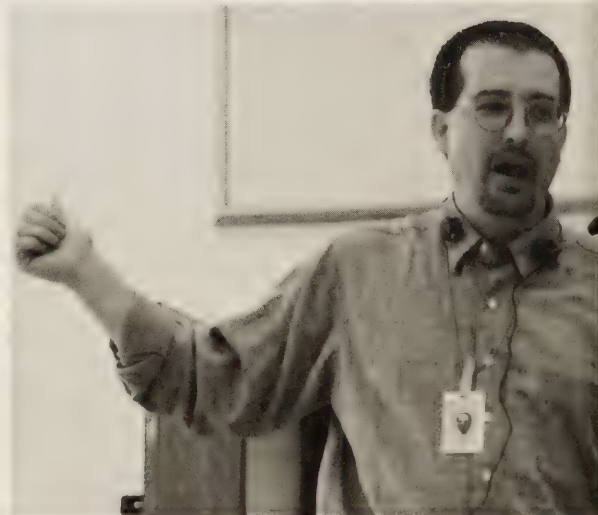


While Mr. Koch makes adjustments to the music, Allison Davies checks over her part to perfect her playing skills. Photo by Leigha Surles.

To reduce the strain the heavy drums put on his back and shoulders, Josh Hayes takes a break from playing to give his body a rest during marching band practice. Photo by Leigha Surles.



During practice, marching band member Keleah Souers-Beck changes her gear from feathers to flags. Performances require multiple equipment changes. Photo by Mary Benton.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Chorus student Jeanelle Allmond waits for class to start. *Photo by Cindy Tydings.* Renee Keeler and Kelly Strong at a football game. *Photo by Leigha Surles.* Mary Smith relaxes in seventh period chorus class. *Photo by Cindy Tydings.* De Bell and Trish Sloan playing drums at a football game. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*

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by jennifer klarman



The seventh period chorus class eagerly waits for the bell to ring seeing as Mr. Dossett's music instruction has also ended for the day. *Photo by Cindy Tydings.*

IN A CLASS WHERE BURSTS OF NOISE ARE APPRECIATED, SASHA MILLER FINDS AN OUTLET FOR SOME OF HER IMAGINATION. IN BAND KIDS GET A BETTER GRADE THE MORE ENERGY THEY EXERT THROUGH MUSIC.

Miller has been in band since the fifth grade and thinks that it would be "stupid to quit now."

To Miller "band is more than your basic class with a standard set of facts and figures that you constantly have to memorize. Counting is a must however."

Miller has gained a sense of teamwork from her symphonic band class.

"Band shows you how your part fits into the whole, if the band plays well together the piece can be quite moving," she said.

Band class provides a break from an ordinary day for Stacey Mickens.

"In this class we have a lot of laughs, everybody knows each other which is really cool."

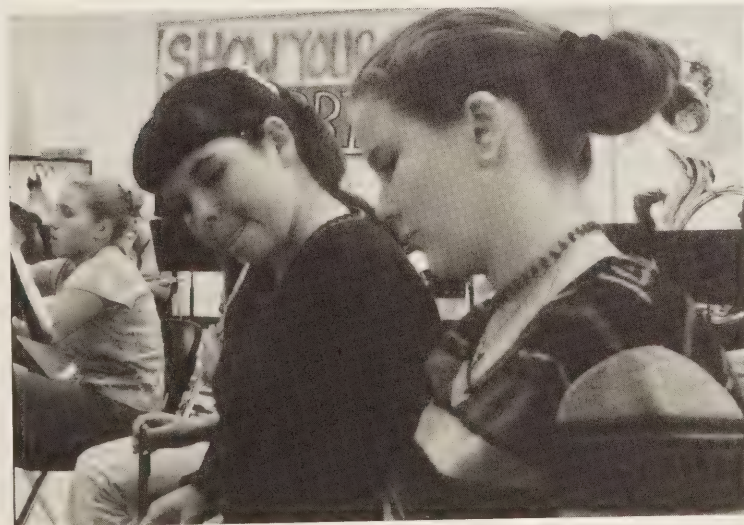
For Mickens the class was very different from her other classes.

"You learn a lot but it's not really academic. It's a fun type of learning," she said.

It wasn't all fun and games however.

"I take this class seriously," Mickens said, "because of my interest in music as a career, it's a great field to go into and it provides a lot of options."

In concert band Leigha Surles has gained the ability to "count, learn rhythms and a sense of discipline." To Surles the class offered a "higher level of learning. You have to master being able to do many things at once and that is something I don't get much opportunity to do in other classes."



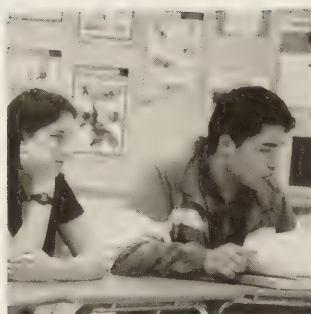
Ready for practice to start Mr. Koch orders all members of the marching band to go outside. The students were to be lined up ready to march to their practice field at 3:00. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*

Working together to learn their music Kelly Strong and Stacy Mickens prepare to play the musical selection. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*



While at marching band practice, breaks were few and far between. Megan Aldrich takes advantage of one of these rare moments to sit down and socialize. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

LEFT TO RIGHT: Lauren Clements and Charles Kent in Creative Writing. Photo by Jon Wassink. Megan Yoder and Jeannie Payne in Creative Writing. Photo by Jon Wassink. Drama students Claire Boswell and Phil Seidman in the auditorium. Photo by Jon Wassink. Amelia Fugee prepares for a performance in the dressing room. Photo by Jon Wassink.



Using leaves as a model, Shannon Duchemin carefully studies the shape and dimensions of her subject. Photo by Ashley Ferren.

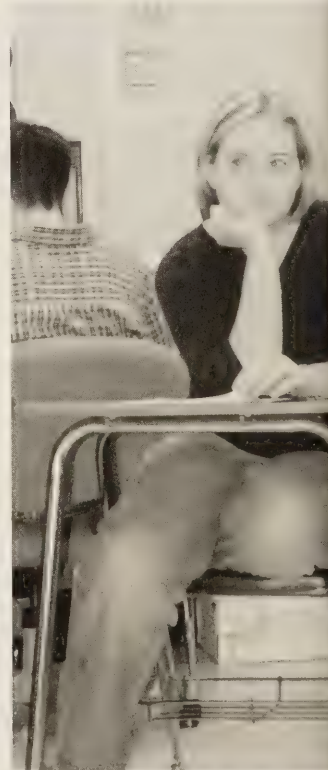


Working on the shadow, Ian Moon puts the finishing touches on his drawing. Photo by Erica Thomas.

To act requires a great ability to recall information. Drama student Greg Andrews reads from a book in Drama class. Photo by Jon Wassink.



During a moment in class, Claire Boswell and Danielle Smith count down the minutes to the end of the period. Photo by Jon Wassink.



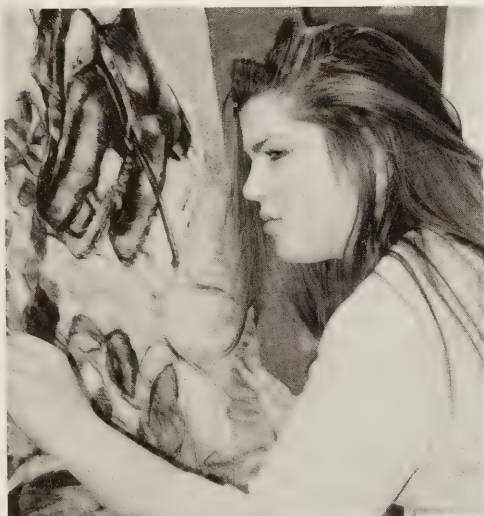


LEFT TO RIGHT: Younah Pee and H. Pellegrin in the pit during a performance of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." Photo by Jon Wassink. Jennifer Alexander and Lori Cox take tickets at "Charlie Brown." Photo by Jon Wassink. Chauntee Schuler, Charlie Coleman, and Jonathan Eastridge play Lucy, Charlie, and Snoopy in rehearsal. Photo by Jon Wassink. David Watson, Michael Toner and Jenna Eweng relax before "Charlie Brown" begins. Photo by Jon Wassink.

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Completing a drawing takes great patience and skill. Natalie Hahn does not rush as she attempts to make sure everything in her piece of art is perfect. Photo by Erica Thomas.

DRAMA HAS TAUGHT STUDENT JONATHAN EASTRIDGE MUCH.

"I enjoy working on stage," Eastridge said. "I take it [Drama] because it is a change from the normal single seated classroom desks. When I get a chance to use my creative skills on stage. I feel like I shine."

Eastridge spends three of the seven periods each day in the Drama classroom. He's become more comfortable being in front of people. "I like to act how I want to act."

Eastridge hoped to pursue acting as a career and planned to major in Theater next year at college.

While Eastridge's participation in a fine arts class has led him to a future career, other students found that the courses provided a break from the more traditional classroom.

"Art to me is everything," said senior

Natalie Hahn who planned to attend the Rhode Island School of Design. "I plan to be a painter and in taking art I have been encouraged to go out and discover different mediums."

"I love to capture the essence of a moment when I draw or when I paint and I'm able to express what I have inside now through painting."

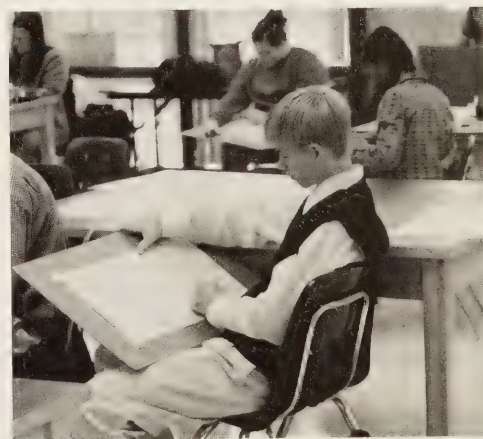
"Art was a great class for me to take as a break from my regular school schedule," said Katie Buckley. "It is a period where I can be free for an hour and let my creative side take full effect."

Stevi Antosh agreed.

"It is a creative outlet and allows me to explore my artistic side," said Antosh who is enrolled in Art II. "In art, I get to express myself. I have no boundaries, I put my thoughts on a piece of paper and create a work of art from them."



In order to make drawings look more true-to-life, shading is often used. Heidi Darmour adds different degrees of shadows. Photo by Erica Thomas.



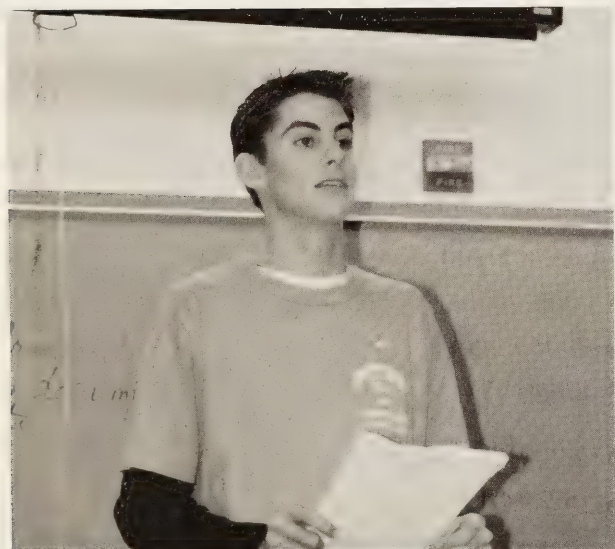
Taking his work on his lap, Jacob Green does not utilize the table to draw his subject. Photo by Ryan Coleman.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Senior, Hunter Nolan in business law. Photo by Erica Thomas. Brian Spivey in his business class. Photo by Erica Thomas. Jeremy Hayes preparing for personal law. Photo by Christina Colley. Holly Slavin in business law. Photo by Erica Thomas.

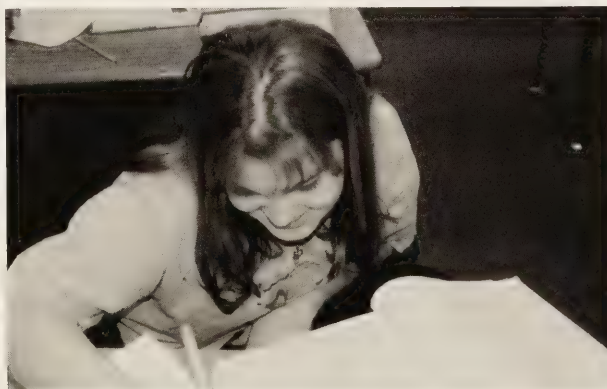


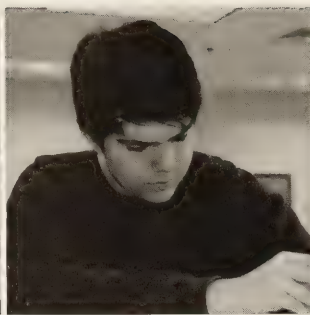
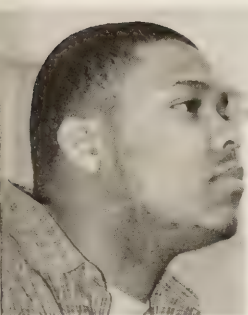
Receive awards for their creative and artistic necklaces. Throughout the day, several students were given awards for their work. Photo by Christina Colley.

In one of the many presentations Rick Norman explains the many skills of buying. This class benefits students in many ways, including preparation for the future.



Keyboarding/Computer Applications student Nicole Gerrell works on building her knowledge of the PC with her textbook. Photo by Ryan Coleman.



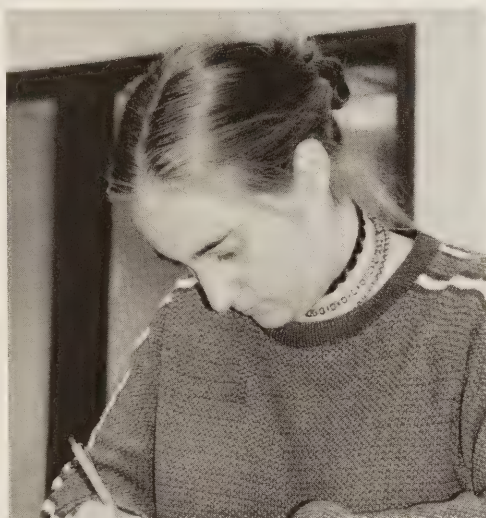


LEFT TO RIGHT: Jihad Biraka in business law. Jeremy Hayes with award-winning pie. Photo by Christina Colley. Derrick Sears in Basic Technical Drawing. Marie Brown, taking a minute out in business law. Photo by Erica Thomas.

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by Jeanie Iosh



In Engineering Drawing, Renee Keeler focuses on the task at hand. "Engineering Drawing teaches us Auto CAD, which is the program that all the pros use," said Keeler.

THEY PROVIDED A WAY FOR STUDENTS TO PURSUE INTERESTS AS WELL AS PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.

"The reason why I'm taking accounting is because I find it interesting," said Jason Young. "I think that it is going to play a huge impact on what I want my occupation to be when I grow up."

"This class will also help me prepare for a college major and possibly for future employment," said Justin Peabody, also an accounting student.

CIS [Computer Information Systems] offered students an opportunity to learn basic keyboarding skills and to learn formats for memos, letters and resumes.

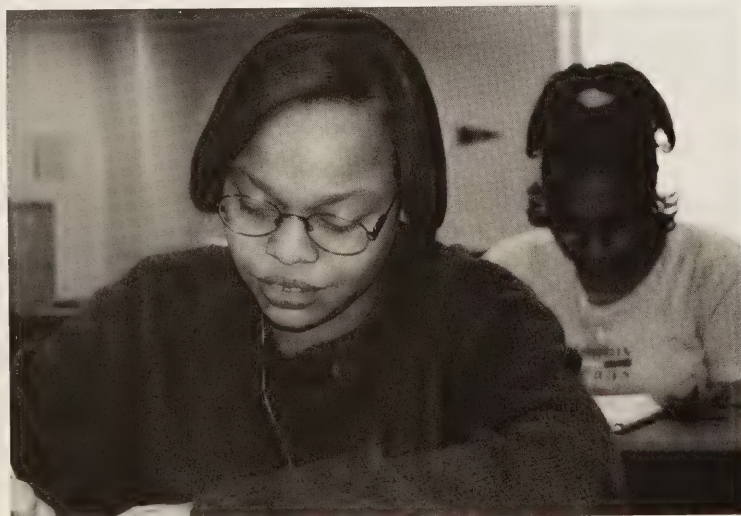
"As we move toward the future, I feel that it will mostly be controlled by computers," said freshman C.J. Simmons.

"Being in this class [CIS] helps me prepare for it. It's always good to have a computer background to fall back on."

"Business Law is one of the best courses I have this year," said Justin Patton. "It is an interesting class because it is a change from all my other classes. We get to talk in open discussions."

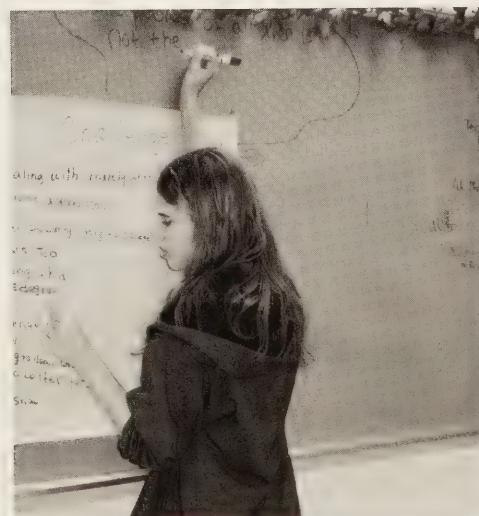
Junior Heather Benson liked her Marketing II class for many of those same reasons.

"Basically, we discuss fashion and the marketing associated with the fashion industry," Benson said. "Fashion is something I have always been interested in. The class has made me set goals and I have learned that I have more skill in the business end rather than the design end. If I would go into some sort of business, it would be fashion oriented."



Coming in second place, Carrie Raines displays her award winning gingerbread man. "I had a great time, and was proud of placing second in the contest," said Raines. Photo by Christina Colley.

In accounting, Tifani Evans works diligently on one of her many assignments. "It is an involved class, but I believe it is helping me in many ways," she said. Photo by Ryan Coleman.



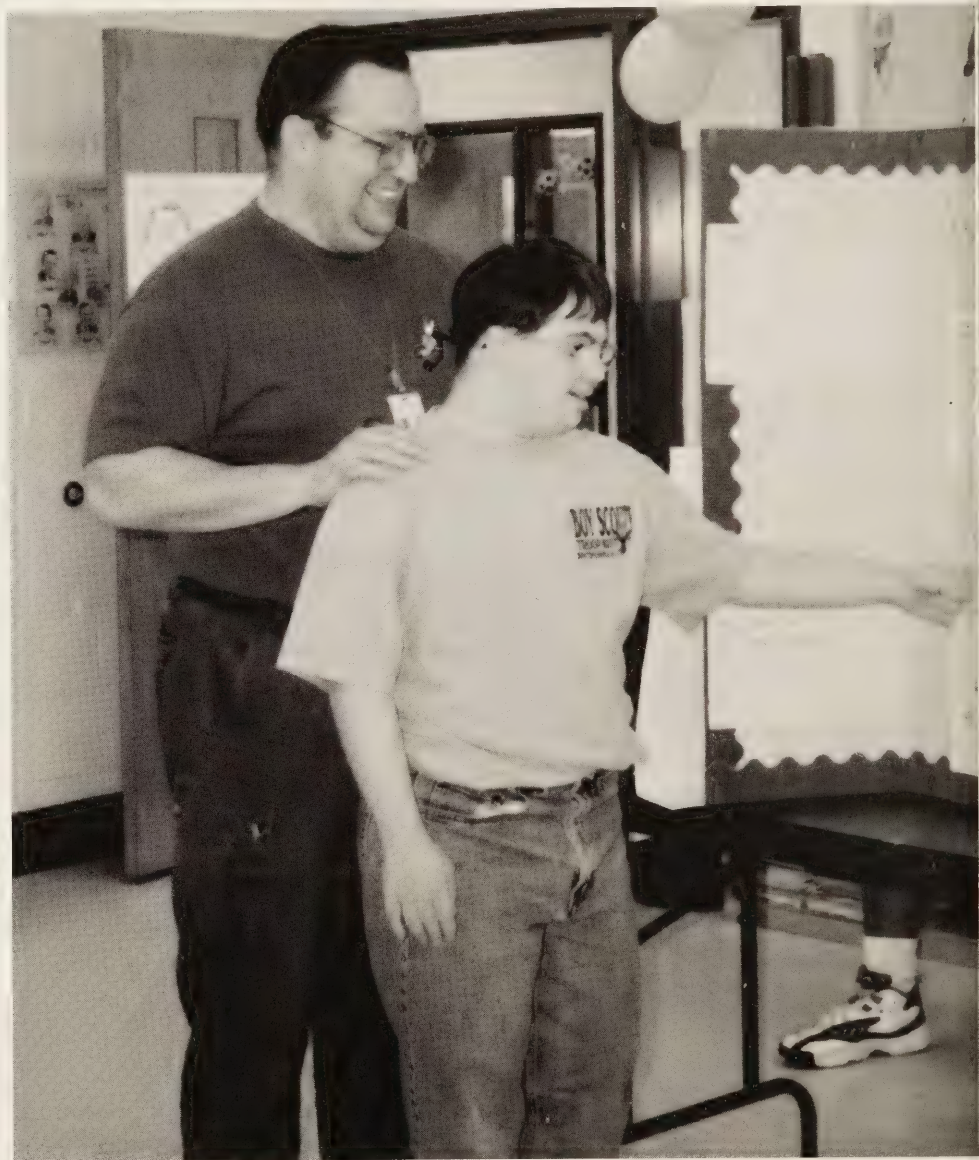
In personal development, Meghan O'Brien puts on a presentation on the day to day struggles of life. Photo by Christina Colley.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jennifer Broadwater eats after serving her guests at the Christmas Gala. Photo by Erica Thomas. Class stands behind their festival creations. Photo by Ms. Fisher. Thomas Stein rolls the dough to make the cookies for the Christmas Gala. Photo by S. Woodcock. Justin Taylor presents his science fair project. Photo by Ms. Fisher.



The Medicine Man, Carol Chapman, throws in a joke to make classmates laugh while he presents his science fair project. Photo by Ms. Fisher.

Partaking in the Christmas Gala festivities, Assistant Principal Dr. William Childs takes a minute to eat some pie and chat with Tommy Stein and his mother. Photo by Erica Thomas.



Christmas Gala attendees Angela Cottrell, an Adaptive P.E. teacher, Brian Greene and his aunt and Justin Taylor chow down on various holiday goodies. Photo by Erica Thomas.





LEFT TO RIGHT: James Bartlett serves the main course at the Christmas Gala. Photo by Eric Thomas. Wendy William and Thomas Stein give each other a hug for moral support. Photo by Ms. Fisher. Patrick Green and his father enjoy each other's company. Photo by Ms. Fisher. Justin Taylor excitedly waits to be served his Christmas lunch. Photo by Erica Thomas.

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by jenny connell



While conversing before the motivational assembly, Jason Maiden and Angela Stone crack jokes with one another. Photo by Jon Wassink.

A TWO-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST ROAMED THE HALLS OF MHS THIS YEAR.

In early January, skier **Tommy Stein** competed in two Virginia State Special Olympic slalom events at Wintergreen Resort.

Tommy, who has skied for almost 13 years, competed in Alpine skiing.

He skis pretty much with Special Olympics, according to his mother.

"This area doesn't get a lot of snow. So you really just have December, January and February to ski," Mrs. Stein said.

Tommy was the only one in his family to bring home two gold medals. In

fact, he was the only student at our school to win such accreditation.

Special education students compete in swimming, soccer, equestrian, volleyball, basketball, baseball, track and field and bowling among many sports.

In the spring the Special Olympics Area II (Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, Culpeper and Fredericksburg) hold their meet at Spotsylvania High School.

"I'd like to get more people into it," Mrs. Stein said. "It's a wonderful source for those that don't have the same sphere of activities as regular students."



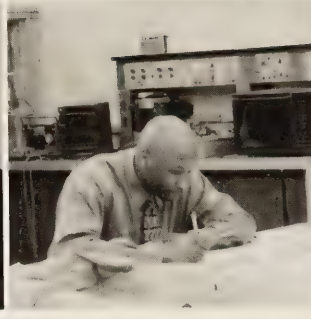
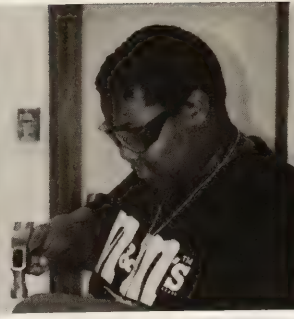
Alongside his father, Allen Street presents his science project. The construction and presentation of the projects was a major assignment and was concluded with a science fair. Photo by Ms. Fisher.

Taking first place at the Virginia State Fair, Jason Maiden displays his ribbon with fellow classmates. Jason made his silk flower arrangement during his Nutrition and Wellness class. Photo by Ms. Fisher.



Partying at the class festival, Sara West and Ms. Harvey enjoy the punch and munch on the cake and cookies that the students made for the event. Photo by Ms. Fisher.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Letitia Bowler in Radio/TV Broadcasting. Cecil Williams in Metal Trade. Chris Minor works in Electronics. Ryan Noel and Donovan Lindsey in Electronics. Photos by Letitia Bowler.



Donning safety goggles, Crissy Fleming keeps occupied by painting Christmas ornaments for FFA students. Photo by Letitia Bowler.

Decked out in latex gloves and a surgical mask, Courtney Danielson works with cleaning chemicals in her dentistry class. Photo by Letitia Bowler.



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Freshman Wallace Woods outlines Christmas trees that will be made into ornaments for FFA students. Photo by Letitia Bowler.

WHEN HE WAS 16, SENIOR **GEORGE GOMEZ** FELL IN LOVE WITH COOKING. HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE VOCATIONAL CENTER PUT HIM AHEAD OF 'THE GAME.'

Gomez said his first job was as a cook at a restaurant.

"I was the youngest one there," he said. It was that job that led him to his career choice.

"It's given me options for college and helped me to learn the basics of the food industry," Gomez said of his enrollment in the Culinary Arts program.

"My goal is to become a chef in a resort in the Caribbean or on a cruise ship.

Maybe I'll work on the Big Red Boat," he added.

Attending the Vocational Center helped Gomez discover his options for college and led to his acceptance at the Pennsylvania Culinary College in Pittsburgh.

Junior **Joey Passcuzzi** was enrolled in the Auto Body class.

"It's the bomb," Passcuzzi said. "I really get into fixing cars and making them look 'phat'. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing a car you made look good and seeing other people's reaction to it. I like the hands on experience way better than just reading about things other people did."



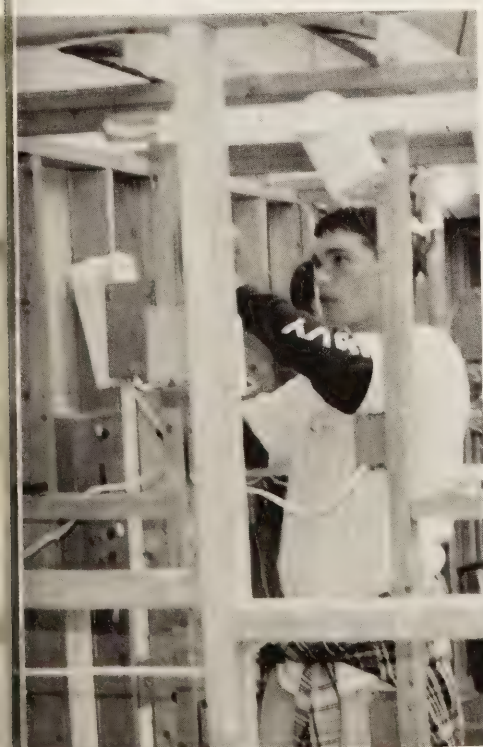
LEFT TO RIGHT: Patricia Hill at the Vocational Center for Dentistry. Kenny Summers works at the computer in Graphics. Joey Pascuzzi in Auto Body. Derrick Sears and Todd Rosenbaum at the Vocational Center for Governor's School. *Photos by Letitia Bowler.*



To achieve that perfect shot, Donnie Mrdjenovic watches the screen as he moves the camera in his Radio and T.V. Broadcasting class. Students like Mrdjenovic spend three periods a day at the Vocational Center at Courtland High School. *Photo by Letitia Bowler.*



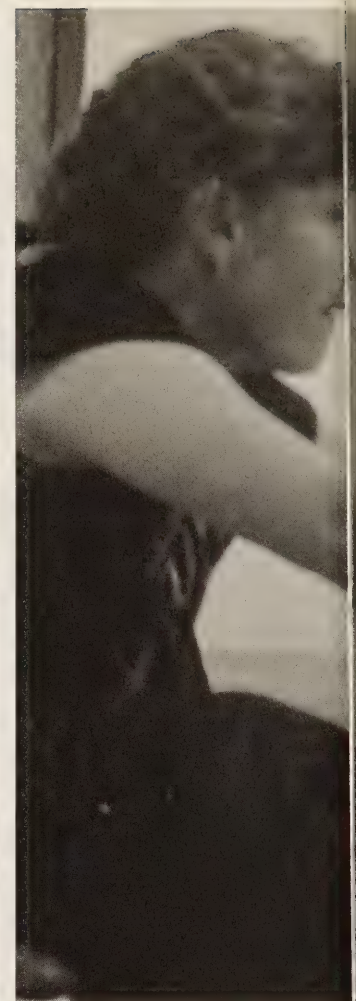
In Culinary Arts class, Latoya Howard finishes cleaning up one of the whisks, which are used for mixing various foods together. *Photo by Letitia Bowler.*



Working at computers is a common task for vocational students Kelly Diaz and Amanda Bingaman. *Photo by Letitia Bowler.*

In the frame of a model home at the Vocational Center, junior Rod Acres works on completing the wiring in Electrical Class. *Photo by Letitia Bowler.*

Stretching before practice is one of the main ways to keep from getting hurt. Christine Tharpe and Debbie Moore talk while doing their stretches. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



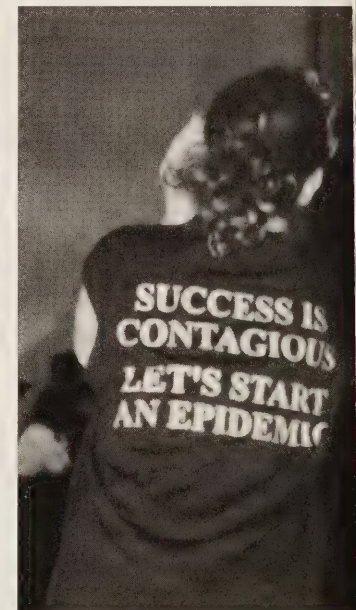
VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL. *Front Row:* Ashley Greer, Valerie Smith, Debbie Moore, Krystal Johnson, Shannon Faulconer, Jessica Burnopp. *Back Row:* Letitia Bowler, Christine Tharpe, Nichole Heiman, Jennifer Mitchell, Coach Via, Christine Deitz, Coach Courtney, Lazhai Stewart, Denise Machonis, Lenora Bowler, Sara West



JV GIRLS BASKETBALL. *Front Row:* Leanne Ducote. *Second Row:* Tasia Kizer, Mercedes Fowler, Becca Armstrong, Sandace Palmer. *Back Row:* Coach Burnum, Shirelle Jacob, Allison Rains, Latonya Howard, Tara Brown, Stacy Potter, Coach Bennett.



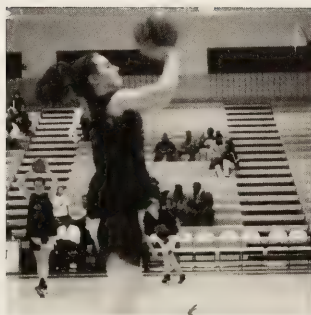
Go team, go. Following a time out during the last minutes of the game, JV players do a yell and join hands moments before taking the floor. The move provided incentive, as the Panthers comeback and overcame a three point deficit to win the game against Caroline. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



Warming up. Sporting their team motto, point guard Debbie Moore passes to fellow point guard Jessica Burnopp during a pregame warm-up. The ten minute practice loosens muscles and allows the team to focus on the game. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Nichole Heiman takes a jump shot. Jessica Burnopp watching the game. Nichole Heiman taking a practice shot. Christine Deitz going up and over. *Photos by Ashley Ferren and Jon Wassink.*



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best performance

Miles of running and hours of stretching paid off and gave the team the stamina to attain a come from behind second half win. The women were down by 19 going into the second half in the home match against county-rival Chancellor. Pulling together and reaching deep, they managed an 11-0 run to win the game.

"Spotsy was our best game because everyone expected us to lose to them but we beat them," said senior point guard Jessica Burnopp.

superstition and rituals

They may begin as early as the first game and some continue all season.

"Before every game I stick my fingers in my teammates Lazhai Stewart's hair. She has a head full of hair," said senior forward Denise Machonis. "We won when I did it one day, so we decided to do it before every game for good luck."

"Our whole team hits the top of the doorway before entering the gym for good luck" said Nichole Heiman. "It shows team unity in a way."

surprise endings

"The second time we played Caroline we definitely should have won the game," said Heiman of the six-point loss.

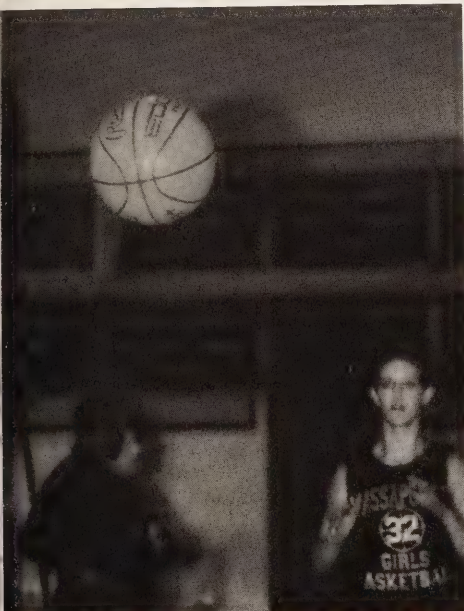
Machonis agreed, "The Caroline game that we played was very sloppy and we were very unorganized."

A match against rival Courtland also provided a disappointing score but not a performance.

"When we played Courtland the first time, even though we lost, [we played well] because we played as a team" said Jessica Burnopp.

A look of fatigue from Christine Deitz while in the team huddle. The team huddle gives players a chance to regroup and rest. Not only a rest but a chance to discuss strategy. Photo by Jon Wassink.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Christine Tharpe puts up a layup. Danielle Allen dribbles by a defender. Danielle Allen passes the ball to the referee. Tara Brown takes a foul shot. Photos by Jon Wassink.



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Utilizing the entire school property, Keith Parker, Brandon Rehberg, and Nick Knepp push their physical limitations during a practice. Cross country runners would run all over the outside of the school during the season. *Photo by Adam Conner.*

marks of distinction

best effort

The challenging season was characterized by supreme effort. And despite their winless record, the 0-5 season didn't dampen their spirits.

"I enjoyed competing this season," said sophomore Matt Herbek, "It wasn't always easy, but we tried our best and it was worth it."

best meet

The meet against county-rival Chancellor was considered by many to be the teams best.

"We thought we were going to win that one," said senior Keith Parker. "We were doing really well, but they [Chancellor] had some people who really did a great job, and we ended up not being able to overcome them. I thought we had a shot to pull it off."

legacies

Despite their record, team members didn't count the season a loss.

"I wouldn't say that the season was a failure," said Nick Knepp. "We tried our hardest, and I think that we can actually be proud of ourselves. It's not like we just went out there and didn't give it our best. Then we couldn't be satisfied with what we accomplished."

Trying to keep up with the rest of the pack, Keith Parker also tries to maintain a steady pace without becoming too fatigued. Parker was the team captain. *Photo by Adam Conner.*



status symbols

LEFT TO RIGHT: Tim Hepp running in a meet. Allan Cooke running at practice. Brandon Rehburg running with Keith Parker. Tim Hepp practicing with Matt Herbek. *Photos by Adam Conner.*





Receiving inspiration. Pets, parents and team members gather for pre-meet words from Coach MacDonald. Hearty spirits and personal goals also inspired the team. *Photo by Adam Conner.*

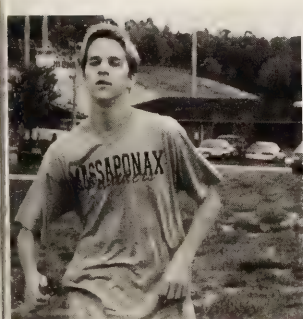


CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: *Front Row:* Tanya Rutherford, Coach McDonald, Marianne Doyler. *Second Row:* Sam Payne, Anthony Lee, Caroline Westover, Matt Herbek, Joe Scelzo. *Third Row:* Nick Knepp, Erin Chapman, Angie Deitz, Stacy Potter, Amy, Remy Merriam. *Back Row:* Rob Richards, Adam Conner, Keith Parker, Sean Kidd, Brandon Rehberg, Allan Cooke, Coach MacDonald. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



Setting the pace. Leading the pack Rob Richards runs to keep position. Winning a meet frequently was dependant on a runner getting and keeping the lead position for the entire race. *Photo by Adam Conner.*

In between two runners Tim Hepp strides to keep his position. Unable to pass, Hepp was caught behind causing him to alter his pace and adjust it to the lead runner's pace. *Photo by Adam Conner.*



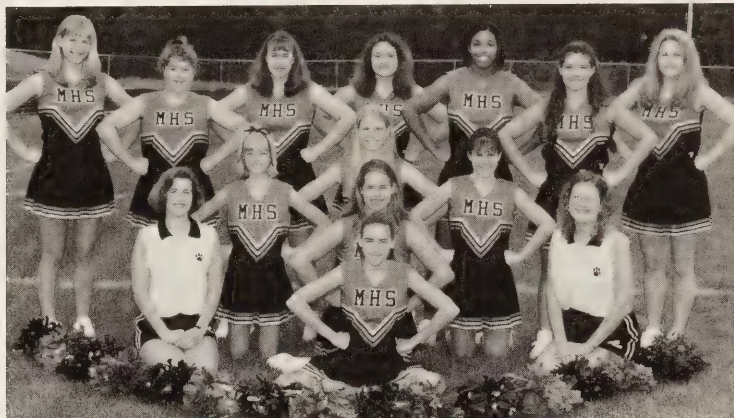
LEFT TO RIGHT: Matt Herbek running during practice. Remy Merriam going for a run at practice. Nick Knepp running in a meet. Keith Parker paints the way for the other runners. *Photos by Adam Conner.*

Practice makes perfect. Before the school year even began, they were hard at work practicing three to five days a week. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

VARSITY CHEERLEADING. *Front Row:* Tarah White, Alyson Seay. *Second Row:* April Flath, Elita Walker, Stevi Antosh, Cherish Willis, Alicia Prickett. *Third Row:* Shannon Voss, Bridget Benedict. *Back Row:* Coach Hulse, Melissa Steiniger, Cathy Hilker, Coach Seay. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADING. *Front Row:* Anne Payne Bullock. *Second Row:* Whitney Clark. *Third Row:* Coach Hulse, Ashley Pixley, Sheri Culpeper, Nichole Trigg, Coach Seay. *Back Row:* Mara Rojek, Marie Perry, Caroline Smith, Rachelle Sinclair, Kristen Sayles, Shana Romano, Anne Griffee. *Photoby Segall-Majestic.*



The pep rally is an event where the cheerleaders can show the school what they got. Melissa Steiniger, Cathy Hilker, and Cherish Willis show their stuff during one of their cheers at the pep rally. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

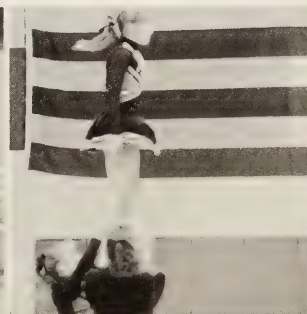


Even cheerleaders need a break once in a while. Taking a break during practice, the cheerleaders discuss plans for the next day's game. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Alicia Prickett doing a routine. Shannon Voss with her mother. Standing high Melissa Steiniger. Elita Walker leading the crowd. *Photos by Jon Wassink.*



best performance

"My best performance was at the King George away game. It was raining that night, but we still got out there [and cheered]. I think it was the most fun any of us ever had at a game. We were more enthusiastic, because structure failed. In the rain, you can't really control it, so we just did what we wanted. The crowd was behind us and that helped too," said Elita Walker

surprise endings

"A lot of times we have to change cheers, and the things we were planning on doing during the game because of the weather. It rained a lot on game days and we had to adjust to that," said Cherish Willis.

"At the Homcoming game, we threw a basket toss [stunt] and it was the best we had ever done. Our timing had always been off when we had done it in the past. But at Homcoming, it just seemed to work," said Stevi Antosh.

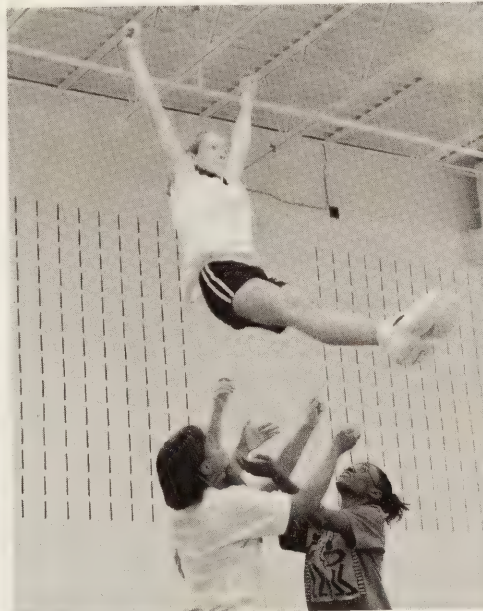
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"I had to concentrate on keeping my motions tight and all my moves for the routine perfect," said Cathy Hilker. "Usually I would concentrate on staying with the music beat and my motions wouldn't be as tight."

"Stunts, are extremely difficult to do, that is probably one of the hardest things for us as a team to accomplish," said Anne Griffey.

"Basically getting along with everyone on the squad everyday was difficult. Trying to forget about everything but cheerleading for that time period when you are practicing or at a game is the hardest thing [for me] to do," said Alyson Seay.

Learning stunts and then performing them takes time and effort. During practice, Shannon Voss flies into the air after being thrown by Tarah White and Elita Walker. Photo by Jon Wassink.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Bridget Benedict taking a break. Alyson Seay resting before practice. April Flath, Tarah White and Shannon Voss doing a cheer. The Panther joins April Flath and Shannon Voss. Photos by Jon Wassink.

surprise endings

They walked onto the field confident of the game's outcome. They had every intention of winning what they thought would be an 'easy' game against district opponent Spotsylvania, - they would win.

But when the final whistle blew, the scoreboard told a different story; it read 1-0, but the 1 was in the wrong column- the *other* column.

"I guess we thought we had more skill than them [Spotsy], but we didn't use what we knew we had, and in the end they won. It was a big shock to the whole entire team. After that game we practiced harder than we ever did before," said Allison Sapp.



legacies

Some legacies are meant to be broken. And on Sept. 13, the team destroyed the five year winning District legacy held by James Monroe. It took overtime to achieve the defeat, but when the final whistle blew, the Panthers netted the victory 2-1.

"We really had high intensity in that game and JM couldn't keep up. We wore them down, and all the running and hard work really paid off," said Rebecca Richards.

rituals

"Every game begins with the entire team cheering, 'You gotta want it to win it, but we want it more. S-c-o-r-e, score, score, score, score,'" said Kelly Romine. "Then we run out onto the field under JV's sticks while they cheer."



Hard labor pays off. Blocking yet another shot, Goalie Jen Greenfield shows her stuff. Greenfield allowed only nine goals during the regular season and blocked at least one shot which hit her in the head. Photo by Sandra Woodcock.

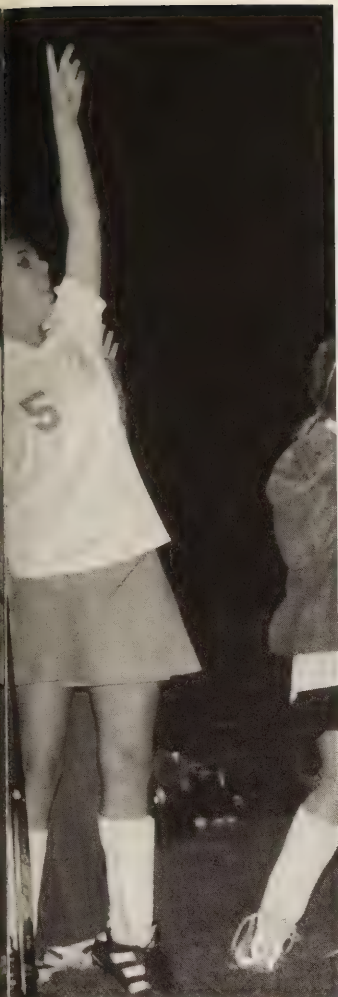
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LEFT TO RIGHT: Laura Moran during halftime. K.C. Cowser fights to keep control of the ball. Field Hockey players chill on a car. Allison Sapp intensely watches the game. Photos by Jon Wassink.



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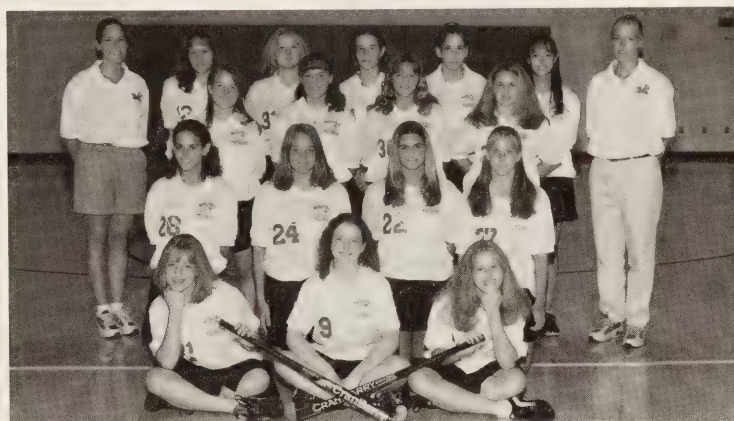
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J.V. and Varsity field hockey players cheer as the varsity team scores another goal. The field hockey's main support comes from other players on the sidelines. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



Varsity Field Hockey Front Row: Lindsay Harmon, Holly Slavin, K.C. Cowser, Rebecca Richards, Allison Sapp, Caroline Givens. Second Row: Lindsay Fuoco, Jessica McDonald, Emily Erwin, Jen Greenfield, Kelly Romine. Third Row: Coach Hillin, Laura Wunderlich, Heather Schnell, Holly Guelig, Shannon Vitarious, Sarah Moran, Mary Flanigen, Coach Watkins. *Photo by Segall - Majestic.*

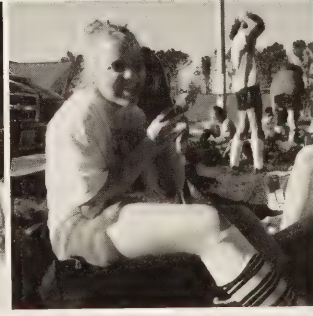
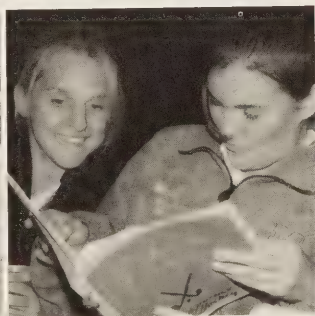


JV Field Hockey Front Row: Jessica Schindler, Sara Stultz, Amy Williams. Second Row: Allison Davies, Allison Bock, Monica Nolan, Sara Carter. Third Row: Jenny Nielson, Samantha Green, Reagan Merriam, Mandy Cabral. Back Row: Coach Watkins, Megan Borders, Jessica Seargent, Laura Moran, Allison Grau, Lisa Yin, Coach Hillin. *Photo by Segall - Majestic.*



Getting psyched before playing Chancellor, the varsity field hockey players chant their traditional cheer. This strategy helped the players to focus on the task at hand, winning. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

Lindsay Fuoco looks down field to pass to another player. Teamwork is what keeps a team bound strong and tight. Passing is crucial to any team sport. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Holly Slavin fights a contender for control of the ball. Becca Richards and Sarah Carter look at Richard's senior book. Senior field hockey players pose for the camera. Jen Greenfield gets psyched for practice. *Photos by Kelly Romine, Segall-Majestic, and Stevi Antosh.*

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best performance

"Last year we lost to Chancellor 47-0. When playing Chancellor this year, we triumphed over that loss and came out of the game victorious, winning 21-0," Joe Perry explains.

"That game was by far the most inspirational yet," Bob Bradley added.

"I had my best game against Chancellor. I had the most tackles and blocked a punt to lead the defense to a shut out game," said Ryan Westveer

rituals/superstitions

"Before each game, the team files into two parallel lines and walks around both the practice and game fields. We do it to remind us that it's our territory that the other team is coming into. And to make us concentrate on the game," said Ray Gill

"I wouldn't really call it any kind of ritual, but I never washed my practice pants during the season," said Bob Bradley.

surprise endings

"We were winning until the last eight seconds of the game when the Yellow Jackets scored the final field goal for the victory," said Joey Morin of the game versus James Monroe. "I felt it was our most disappointing game."

"The only thing that stood in the way of us winning [the JM game] was one field goal. If they had missed, we would have won. Unfortunately, they capitalized on their opportunity," said Justin Nissley.

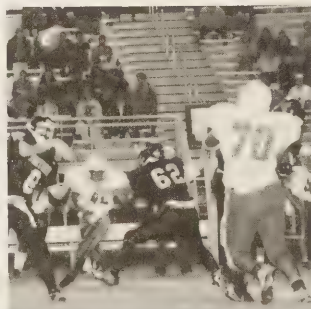
Just hang on. 'The Dragon,' Kevin Morin, holds on to the ball during the Caroline game as an opposing player tries to take him down. Teammates gave Morin the nickname because of his quickness on the field and his love for Bruce Lee. Photo by Segall- Majestic.



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Joe Perry finds a receiver. The hogs get set. The Panthers run out ready for battle. Coach Seamen gives encouragement.



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JV FOOTBALL - Louisa 26-14 • Caroline 12-22 • Courtland 12-6 • James Monroe 39-0 • Chancellor 0-35 • Orange 21-34 • Chancellor 21-0 • Courtland 7-27 • James Monroe 21-24 • King George 14-6 • Spotsylvania 14-6



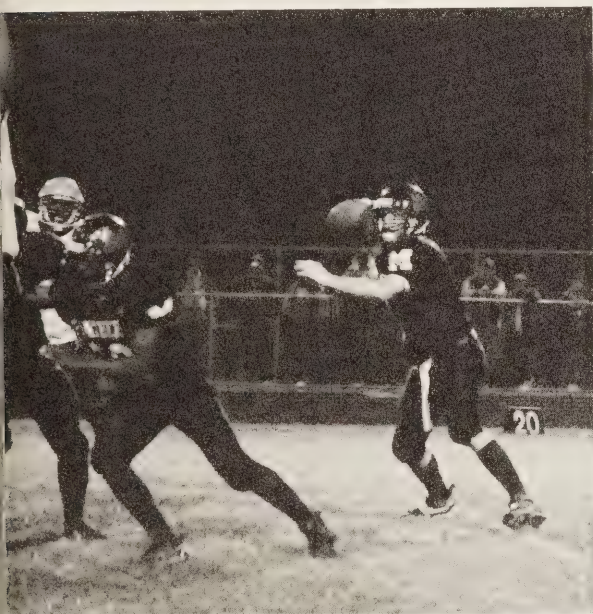
The magic touch. Before the start of a home game Gaybe McClain gives a high five to Coach McMillan. Photo by Laura Weindenbach.



VARSITY FOOTBALL. *Front Row:* Shane Ludden, Paul Little, Joe Perry, Ryan Hall, Joey Morin, Adriene Ward. *Second Row:* Coach Ludden, Trae Heubi, Jason Young, Eric Young, Brandon Donaldson, Norman Brooks, John Boxley, Coach Meehan. *Third Row:* Brad Ellsworth, Woody Perry, Derrick Sears, Antonio Nune, Jay Toles, Jay Fairchild, Vince Young, DeWayne Ovard, Tim Wright, Coach Osso. *Fourth Row:* Coach Clements, Matt Baumgarten, Tom Hetman, Ted Burna, Bob Bradley, Ryan Westvere, Ray Gill, Raheem White, Drew Saeman, Joe Garlick. *Back Row:* Eric Depollo, Kevin Morin, Stephen Morin, Rick Dougherty, George Yin, Glenn Grau, Jason Yencha, Lawrence Suggs. Photo by Segall-Majestic.

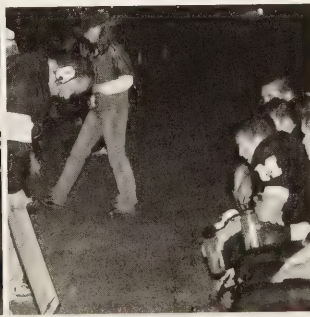
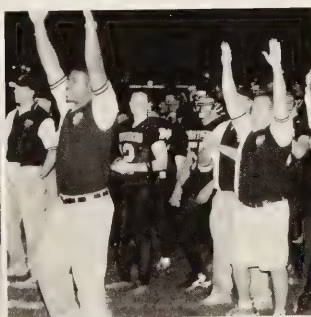


JV FOOTBALL. *Front Row:* Kyle Barnes, Daniel Brown, Isiah Gray, Charles Springman, Adriene Ward. *Second Row:* Tim Wright, Daniel Brown, Carlos Rodriguez, Russel Rightson, Steve Garland, Nathan Clar, Robert Gill. *Third Row:* Brad Ellsworth, J.P. Pendelton, Monte Wever, Merick Deans, Jacob Greene, C.J. Simmons, Richard Poux, John Jones, Alan Beggler. *Back Row:* C.J. Johnson, C.J. Taylor, Ryan Hall, Andrew Simms, Dante Snowden, Trae Heubi, Eric Turner, Eric Ludden, Greg Tarpley. Photo by Segall-Majestic.



Hit seeking missile. Stephen Morin finds another target during the game against Orange. Morin led the team for most tackles and fumbles caused and was a key player throughout the year. Photo by Segall-Majestic.

Dropping back to launch a pass, Joe Perry prepares to throw for first down. Perry was a key offensive player all year and played the last three games of the season with a back injury. Photo by Segall-Majestic.



LEFT TO RIGHT: The Panthers come together for a breakdown before a game. Coaches Clemens, McMillan, and Wright, react after a touchdown. Coach Meehan tells the offense where they need to block. Joey Morin makes another great interception, during the Caroline game. Photos by Jon Wassink.

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making the cut

There was not much room for improvement. The finished the regular season with an 11-0 record. Perhaps more importantly they made history. They were the first Battlefield District team to qualify for the Group AA State Golf Meet. And the group did it without a single senior on the team.

improvement

Individual team members worked on improving their skill.

"I improved on course management which is how well I managed my shots," said Jason Bonner.

"This year I learned to hit my irons straighter and I can putt a little better now," said David Newton.

coaching

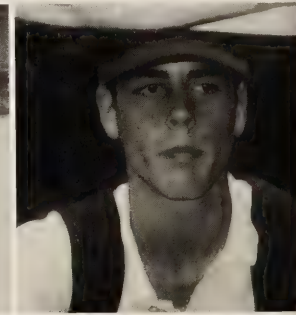
"I owe most of the credit [for the team's success and his own] to Pete Seftas, our coach. That man was not only a great golf role model, but an all-around great guy that you could talk to and would help you out with any problems," said Chip Clark.

Fore. Technique means everything in golf. With good technique a player can drive a ball a good 200 yards. David Newton shows off his excellent technique as he follows through. *Photo by Ashley Grant.*



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Ryan Evans showing his skills. John Campbell takes a swing. David Newton in the sandtrap. Todd Pickering riding on the golf cart. *Photos by Ashley Grant.*



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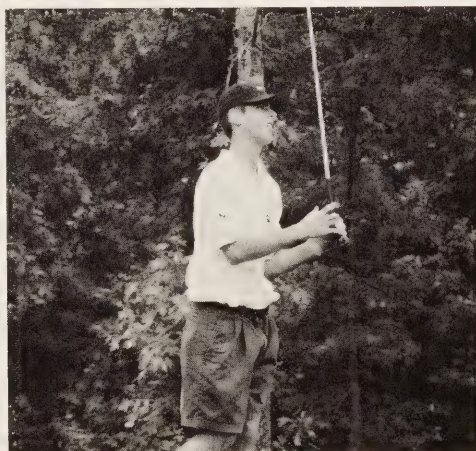
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The sand trap is one of the worst places to be in golf. It often takes several shots to get the ball out. Ryan Evans watches as David Newton takes a tough shot in a sand trap. *Photo by Ashley Grant.*

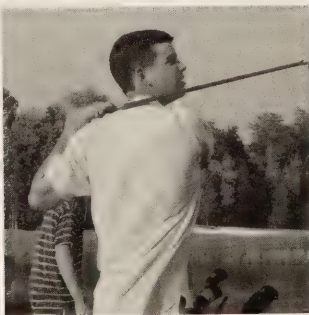
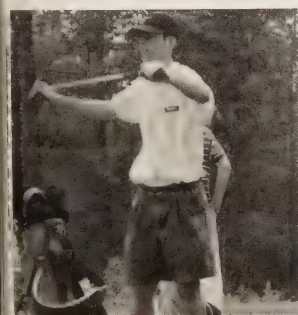


Golf Front Row: Mike Fuoco, Second Row: L-R: Ryan Craig, Jeremy Colwell, John Campbell, Jason Bonner, Daniel Ross, Steven Poirier, Back Row: Coach Seftis, Dale Parker, Patrick Sykes, James Blackburn, Ryan Evans, Todd Pickering, Chip Clarke. *Photo by Segall-Magestic.*



Power means hardly anything in golf, all it takes is practice and a good, swift swing. Todd Pickering makes contact with his ball and watches as it flies toward the green. *Photo by Ashley Grant.*

Sand traps are always a struggle for any player. Trying to maneuver around one can be a difficult task. Todd Pickering watches as he makes a succesful hit out of a sand trap. *Photo by Ashley Grant.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Todd Pickering stretching. John Campbell watches his ball. Ryan Evans and Todd Pickering check out their angle. Ryan Evans makes a succesful putt. *Photos by Laura Weindenbach and Ashley Grant.*

improvement

"I know I improved throughout the year. My hitting and passing improved. Not only did I improve, but so did the team as a whole. We learned how to work hard together. When we worked hard together we became a unit, a powerful, successful unit," said Jacque Messeder, recipient of the Coach's Award for Volleyball.

"As a team we went to state's," said Caroline Westover, recipient of Track's Coach's Award. "Last year we did not and there were at least five more people on the team this year."

rivalry

"To me Chancellor was our [the football team's] rival along with Courtland. I think we had a deep seated dislike for both of those teams because we know some players from each team and we've seen them around," said Ryan Westveer, who won Most Outstanding Defensive Football Player.

"[Our biggest rivalry game was] during the District tournament when we played against Courtland. We were both evenly matched. It was a mental game, because we had each won a game. Whoever had the best composure and mental strength would come out on top. It was us, we won," said Denise Machonis MVP of the Volleyball team.

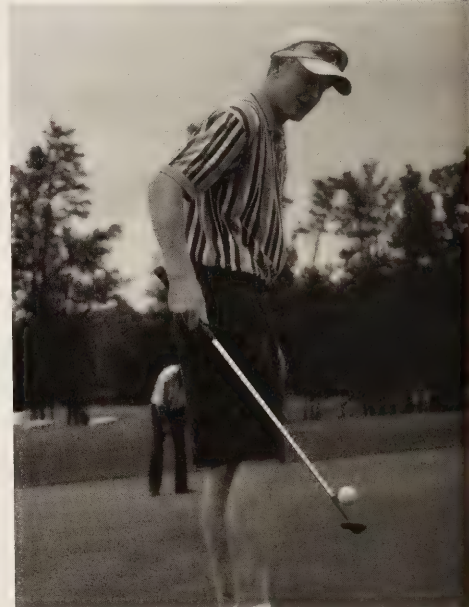
best performance

"My best performance was when we won our first regional game at Lafayette [outside Williamsburg]. After two overtimes, I scored a goal. After the game we all went out to dinner with our coaches and families," said K.C. Cowser, MVP Field Hockey.

"Our coach always talked about taking it to the next level. I think I did against Courtland. I set a personal record in the race," Stacy Potter, MVP Cross Country.



Running for the finish line Stacy Potter strains to beat an opponent. Potter received the Most Valuable Runner Award for Cross Country. Photo by Segall-Majestic.



Showing off his skills, co-Most Valuable Player Jason Bonner juggles a golf ball with his club. Bonner shared the award with Todd Pickering. Photo by Segall-Majestic.

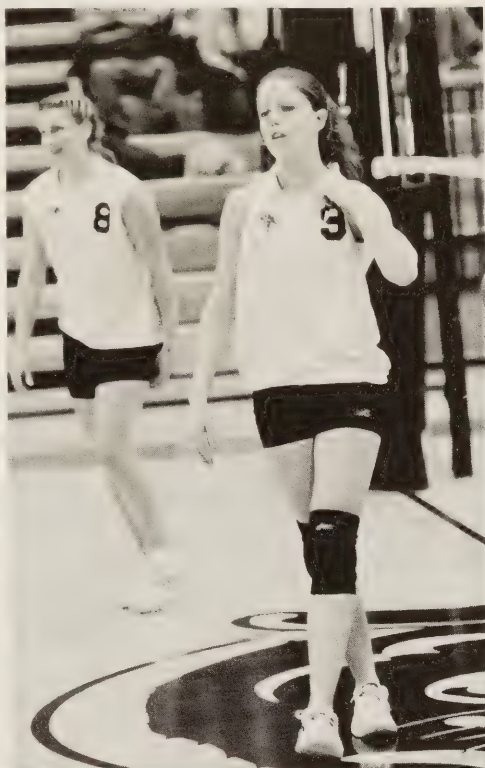
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LEFT TO RIGHT: Tarah White, a Fall Cheerleader Coach's Award recipient, shouts a cheer. Paul Little, Outstanding Football Offensive Player of The Year, gets help from Courtney Shortal. Erin Chapman, the Girls Most Outstanding Indoor Track Runner, finishes a long jump. Emily Bagby, a Winter Cheerleader Coach's Award recipient, practices with Christen Duchemin. Photos by Laura Weidenbach, Segall-Majestic, and Erica Thomas.





Coming up for air, Keith Parker races to beat the clock during a meet. Parker received the award for Boys Most Valuable Swimmer. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



After winning a close match, Denise Machonis walks away fatigued. Machonis received the Most Outstanding Player on the girl's volleyball team and helped lead them to a second straight regional appearance. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



Using skill as well as might K.C. Cowser hits the ball in hopes of a successful pass. Cowser's efforts in field hockey granted her the Most Valuable Player award. *Photo by Sandy Woodcock.*



As B.J. Sayles is announced before a home game he runs out onto the court while fans cheer excitedly. Sayles was awarded Most Outstanding Player for the 99-00 Boy's Basketball team. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

During practice, wrestlers get a chance to show each other what they've got. David Hawley demonstrated his best moves on George Yin. Hawley was awarded as the Most Outstanding Wrestler. *Photo by Erica Thomas.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Christine Deitz, Girls Basketball MVP, passes to a teammate during warm-ups. Ryan Westveer, Most Outstanding Defensive Football Player chats with Bobby Bradley during a break from practice. Adam Conner, Boys Cross Country MVP, cheers on teammates at an invitational. Kerri White, a Coach's Award recipient for Gymnastics takes a break with Shannon Lucas. *Photos by Ashley Ferren, Jon Wassink, and Segall-Majestic.*

bus rides

Traveling from meet to meet left time for not only preparation, but also for playing games, eating junk food and singing songs, according to Angie Deitz.

"We had different songs [that had been made up] for each teammate," said Kerri White.

The girl's rituals helped the long rides go by faster.

improvement

Injuries were the biggest set back in Gymnastics. When gymnasts couldn't perform they lost a bit of their routine, so practice were critical.

"Throughout the season this gymnastics team had many ups and downs. It seemed as though someone was injured at every meet. But overall everyone improved 110%," said Lindsay Carr.

rituals

"Before meets we like to dip our feet in chalk" said Shannon Lucas. "The chalk helps with our routines but we also like to bark like dogs to psych out the other team."

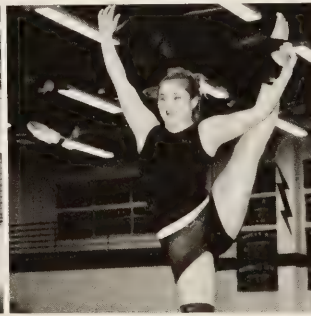
The gymnastics team started the rituals last year but carried them to this year to start a tradition, said Lucas.

Waiting for her turn to be seen, Adrienne Edwards sits and happily waits while teammate Shannon Voss focuses on her routine. Waiting for others to perform was a long process. Photo by Jon Wassink.



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Shannon Voss performing on the bars. Keirsten Sayles practicing before a meet. Lindsay Carr practicing her routine. Coach Irwin talking to a mom before a meet. Photo by Jon Wassink.



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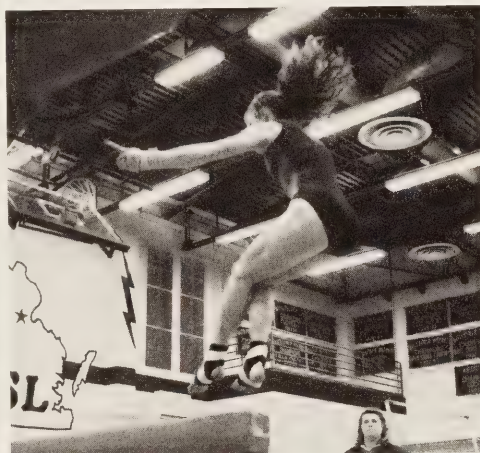
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Showing team loyalty and unity. The Gymnastics team gives each other a group hug. Angie Deitz, Keirsten Sayles, Adrienne Edwards, Lindsay Carr, Shannon Lucas, Kerri White, and Shannon Voss give the camera a smile. *Photo by Natalie Nielson.*

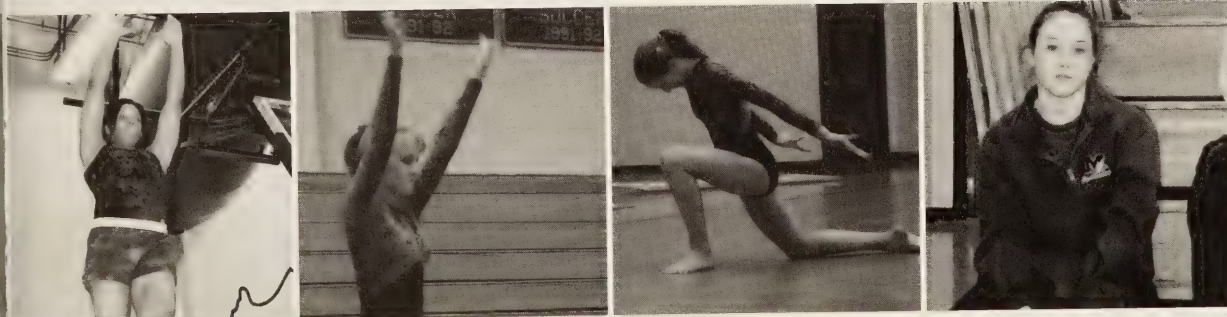


Gymnastics Front Row: Kerri White. Second Row: Shannon Voss, Bridget Benedict. Back Row: Coach McDaniel, Lindsay Carr, Shannon Lucas, Adrienne Edwards, Heather Elmer, Keirsten Sayles, Lindsay Church, Natalie Nielson, Coach Irwin. *Photo by Segall-Magestic.*



Using a springboard to achieve enough height to land on the beam takes not only talent but balance. Kerri White practices landing on her favorite event. "[The beam] is always my highest score" out of all the gymnastic events. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

Waiting to be introduced Shannon Lucas leads the gymnastics team as the other members follow. The introductions are long but worthwhile to the members. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Keirsten Sayles practicing her routine. Angie Deitz beginning her routine. Shannon Voss finishing her routine. Shannon Lucas patiently waits and watches as other members perform. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

3rd place • Regional qualifiers Kerri White Lindsey Carr • State qualifier Kerri White

best performance

"When we played Chancellor at home, we were really intense, because the crowd was behind us 100 percent," Crissy Deitz said. "We were trying to defend our home court. I played really well because it was Chancellor. I blocked three shots which fired me up and I was hitting really well."

"My best performance was during the Spotsylvania game. My sets were the best they've ever been," said Valerie Smith.

surprise endings

"When King George beat us, we played really down and it showed. It was the biggest disappointment during the season," said Denise Machonis.

Their undefeated season was a surprise to some on the JV team.

"In the beginning of the school year we didn't know that we would be undefeated. At our last game it was a huge surprise," said Stacy Potter.

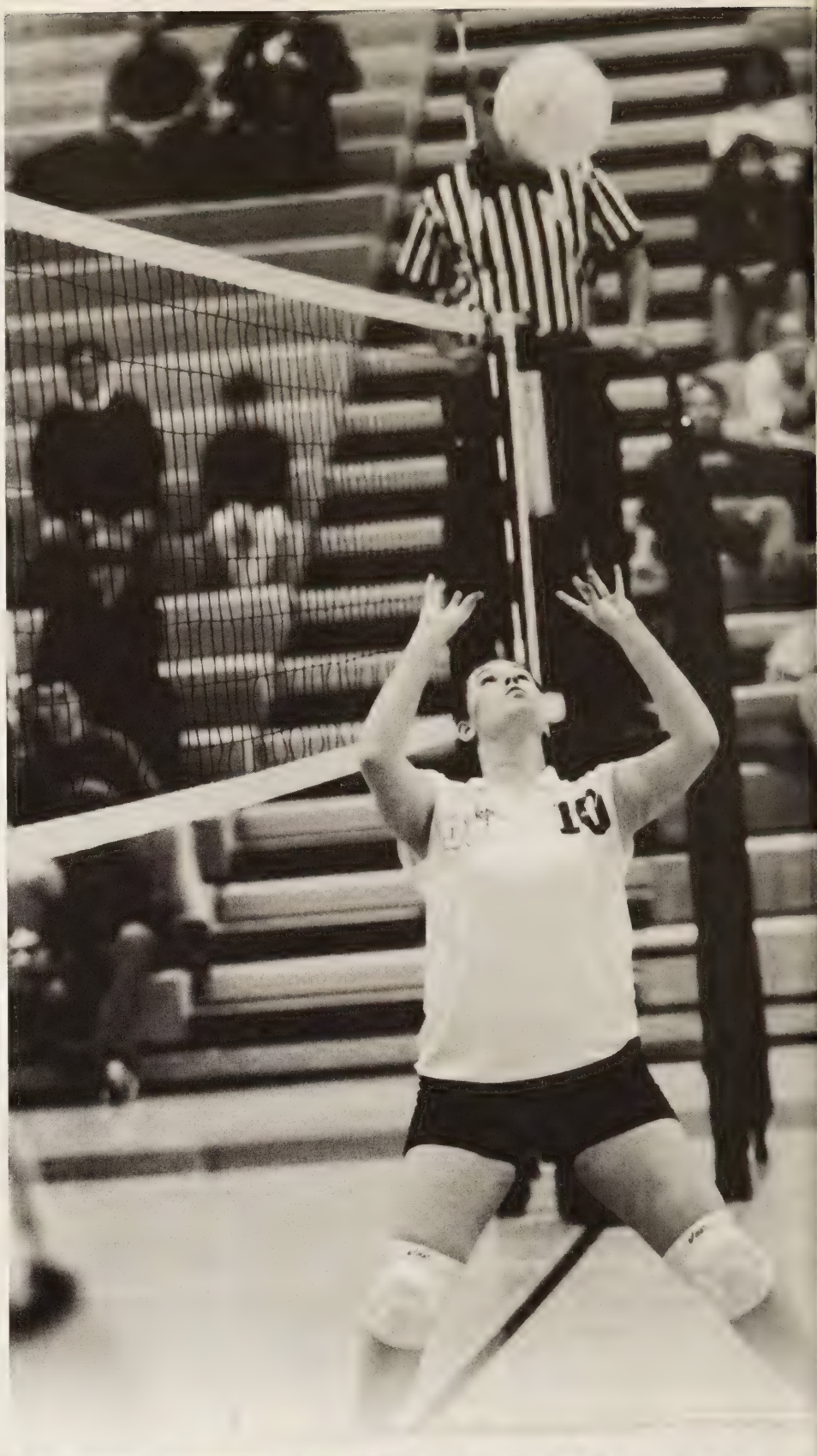
memorable games

"We beat Courtland two out of three games and that got us into Regionals, I had a diving save that game, which helps me remember it," said Nichole Heiman.

"When we played Spotsy away, I had seven kills with no serving errors. I'll always remember that game," said Denise Machonis.

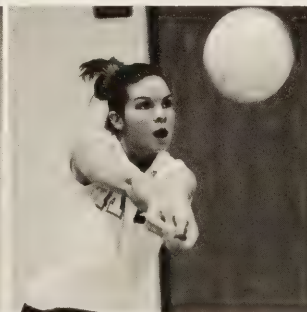
"At the tournament we attended this year, we played Jefferson Forest and came really close to having a perfect game. We made no mistakes and played as a team," said Christine Deitz.

Setting the ball Valerie Smith positions the set for a spike from another teammate. Spikes are crucial to a victory. All Photos by Segall-Majestic.



status symbols

LEFT TO RIGHT: Chauntee Schuler sings the National Anthem. Tonia Rutherford making a successful hit. Amanda Antosh bumps the ball to a teammate. Nichole Heiman and Christine Deitz rotate to their positions.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL—Orange W Courtland W Lousia W Caroline W Spotsylvania W Louisa W James Monroe W James Monroe W King George



Making a set for a teammate to spike, Christine Deitz shows perfect form. The set lead to a spike to give the team a 3 up lead.



Varsity Volleyball: Front Row: Emily Hamblet, Katrin Culpeper, Christine Tharp, Amanda Antosh, Sara We. Back Row: Coach Steba, Nichole Heiman, Jacqu Messenger, Christine Deit, Chauntee Schuler, Denis Machonis, Valerie Smith, Coac Stebar

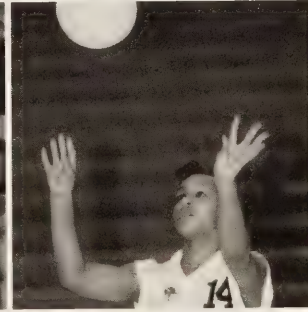
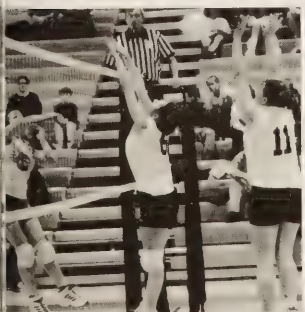


JV Volleyball: Front Row: Rem Merriam, Krystal Jackson, Kristine Rivas Back Row: Coach Stebar, Stacy Potte, Mindy Benedict, Amy Hamble, Tasha Poe, Tonia Rutherford, Coach Mann



Making a bump, Denise Machonis makes first contact with the ball and hits it toward a teammate. After her bump a teammate would try to set it for another teammate to spike.

Going for the bump, Remy Merriam moves for position, while teammate Amy Hamblet readies for the hit.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Nichole Heiman and Christine Tharp try to stop a shot from a Spotsylvania player. Tasha Poe practicing before a game. Christine Tharp practicing with a teammate. Krystal Jackson practices her form.

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states

"It felt good to know that my two wins in Districts helped the team move on," said Keith Parker. Parker finished seventh and fourth in the five hundred free and the 100 breaststroke.

"I was excited to go as a freshman," said Scott Henderson. "I swam in the 200 relay. And though we didn't finish as well as we'd hoped, we all had fun. My goal is to go again next year."

improvement

"They all worked hard and deserved their wins," said Coach Bennett. "All of the swimming team's practice paid off and helped them pull off their hardest victories."

"My biggest improvement was that I got a better form on my freestyle. It made me faster and my times improved over the course of the season," Henderson said.

rivalry

"We knew we'd win most of our meets, Courtland being our most meaningful because they are the swimmers old teammates," said Coach Bennett. "Beating Courtland is always a pleasure."

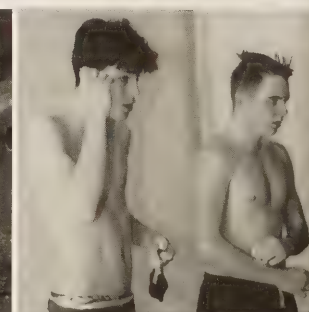
"When I went to states I swam the 100 fly, I didn't win but It gave me a good feeling just to be there," said Tim McDermott.



Practicing his backstroke, Todd Rosenbaum shows perfect form. The boys and girls swim teams practiced at Fredericksburg Academy Pool. Photo by Cathy Hilker.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Jason Dempsey swims the breast stroke. Mrs. Bennett talks with Dale Parker about his technique. Keith Parker watches as teammates swim. Jason Dempsey and Dale Parker watch as teammates swim.



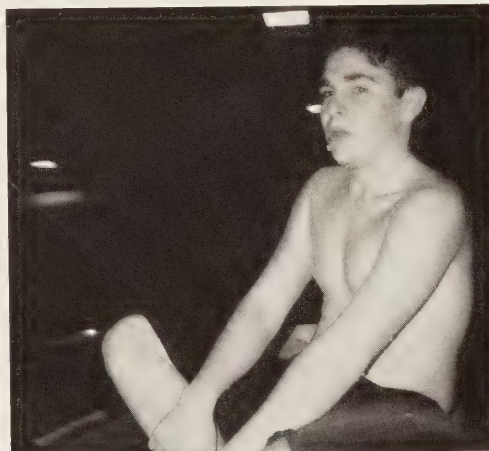
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Practice, Practice, Practice. Coming up for air, Johnathon Morrow swims the breast stroke during swim practice. Coming up for air constantly can drag a swimmer's time down. *Photo by Cathy Hilker.*

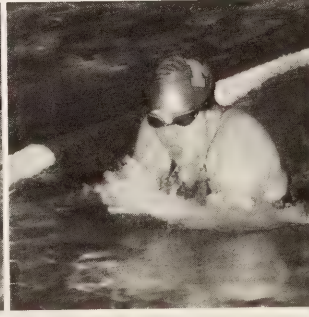


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Clutching his injured toe, Michael Toner attempts to control the bleeding. Toner, punctured his toe on a piece of sheered fiberglass from the starting block at the Fredericksburg Academy Pool. Toner admitted that it hurt but assures that "swimming is not as painful as it looks." *Photo by Cathy Hilker.*

Sitting on the team bleachers, Massaponax teammates Chip Clark and Johnathon Morrow watch the January 21 meet at the Fredericksburg Academy Pool. *Photo by Cathy Hilker.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jason Dempsey comes up for air during the backstroke. Catherine Walden swims the butterfly. Samantha Mitchell swimming the backstroke. Whitney Clark swimming the backstroke. *Photos by Cathy Hilker.*

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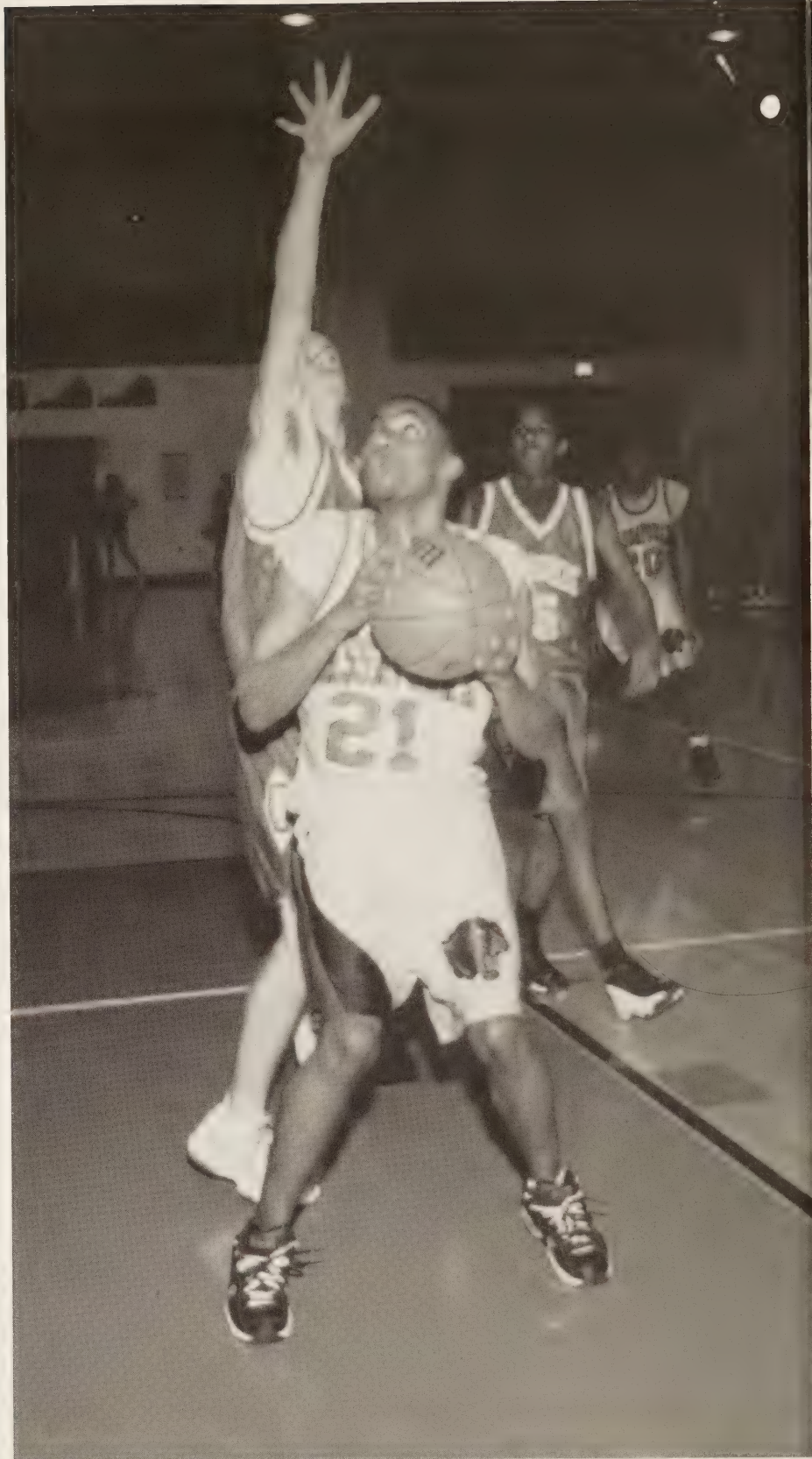
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best performance

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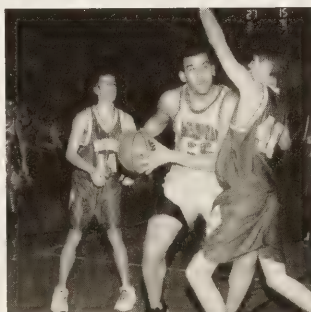
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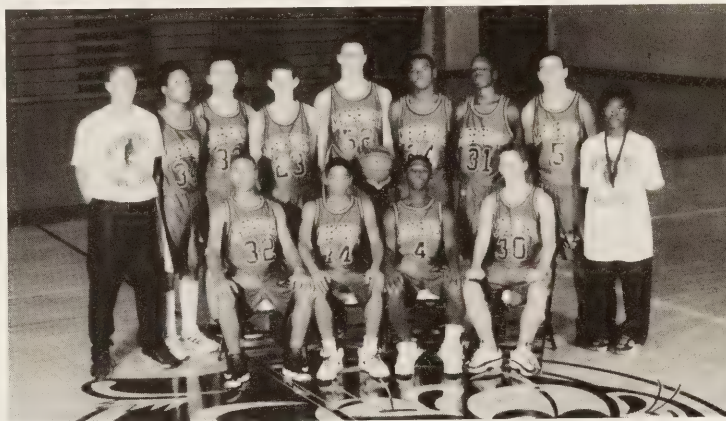




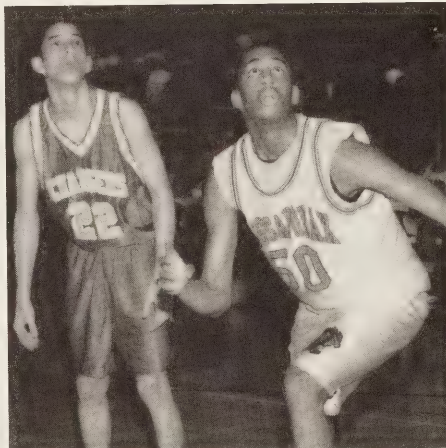
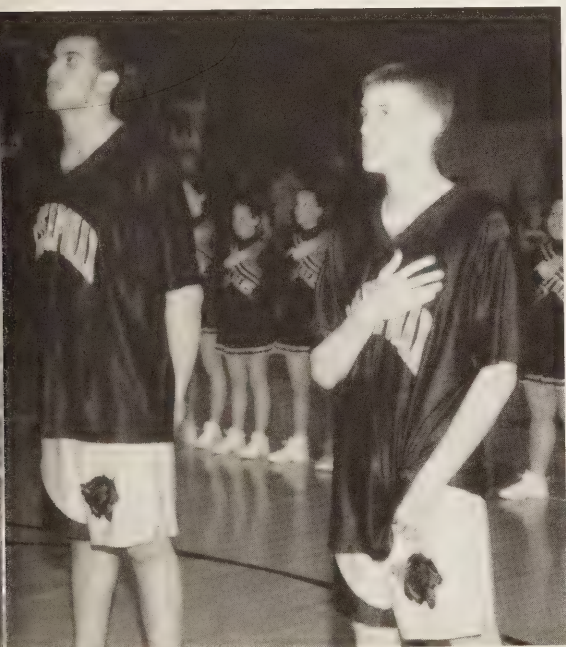
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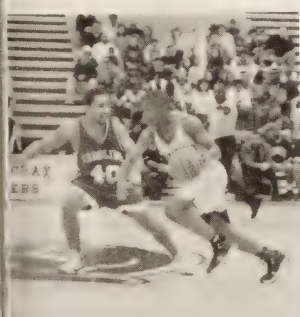


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marks of distinction

friends

Belonging to a team allowed members to meet new people and experience new events. Some cheerleaders considered cheering a great journey that began at the beginning of the season.

"It was a really fun season," said Christen Duchemin. "We all got really close to the players. I met new people and had some great times."

"Although there were some ups and downs throughout the season, we all got together in the end" remarked Emily Bagby. "It will be in my memories forever."

memories

"The bus trips were my most memorable moments of the season. We all got to know each other better during them. Even before and after the season, all the girls still get together and have some fun" said Emily Bagby.

"I will never forget some of the games I cheered. "They were great times," said Rachel Stapp.

best performance

"At our competition everything went perfect. It was the best show we have ever put on," said Christen Duchemin.

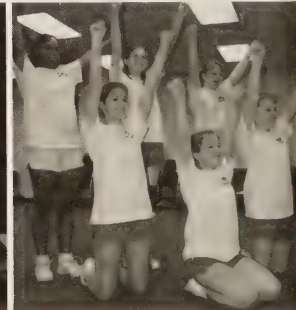
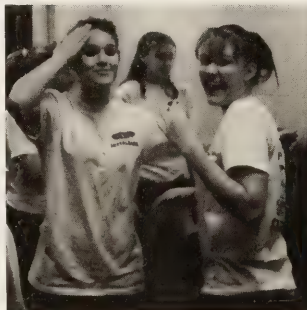
"Everyone was smiling," agreed Emily Bagby about the team's second place finish at the District competition. "You could just see it in everybody's faces, how good we felt when we finished our routine."

Stretching. Christen Duchemin focuses on stretching her legs and warming up before the nights performance. The procedure was important to avoid pulled muscles. *Photo by Ashley Ferrem.*



status symbols

LEFT TO RIGHT: Nakole Charles and Veronica Lansden taking a break. Emily Bagby looking on in awe. Jo-Al Simmerman prepares for the game. The cheerleaders givin a boastful cheer.





Prior to game tip off, Vee Crocket, Christen Duchemin, and Emily Bagby honor our country with hand on heart in front of the flag as the National Anthem is sung. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



Varsity Winter Cheerleading. Front Row: Lindsay Fuoco, Emily Bagby Second Row: Vee Crocket, Jennifer Craig, Rachel Stapp Back Row: Lynne Seay, Christina Hovey, Sarah Newton, Christen Duchemin, Jo-Al Simmerman, Audra Rojek, Jeannie Payne, Erica Thomas Jill Hulse. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



JV Winter Cheerleading. Front Row: Tara Layman Second Row: Christene Gemsheim, Sarah Shepard, Jessica Schinler, Jenny Nielson Back Row: Lynne Seay, Nakole Charles, Ashley Coleman, Veronica Lansden, Lauren Nelson, Katie Nissley, Jill Hulse. *Photo by Segall Majestic.*



Trying to get the crowd pepped up, and encourage school spirit, all 12 members of the varsity Cheerleading Squad form a diagonal line in front of the stands and perform one of their many cheers. *Photo by Ashley Ferrem.*

Ater a three point shot was made, Rachel Stapp, Christina Hovey, Christen Duchemin and the rest of the Varsity Squad encouraged the crowd's excitement as they cheer on the Boy's Basketball team in celebration. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Lindsay Fuoco gives out a cheer. Practicing for halftime. Christen Duchemin helps Emily Bagby perform the chair. The JV squad enthusiastically cheers in front of the crowd during halftime at a home basketball game. *All photos by Ashley Ferren and Jon Wassink.*

Braving the cold, runners Sam Payne and Jon Russell practice the relay. Practice is critical for the relay. A dropped baton could mean serious trouble. *Photo by Adam Conner.*

Winter Track. Front Row: Jeremiah Dodson, Justin Peabody, Seth Henderson, Sam Payne, Michael Scelzo. Second Row: Kelli Beth Broome, Amanda Heiman, Robert Gill, Demetrius Zotos, Matt Vanallen, Maura Rojek, Michelle Krier. Third Row: Matt Phleger, Reagan Merriam, Ryan Sharkey, Brian Cosgrove, Ashley Short, Lindsay Klotz, Erin Chapman, Remy Merriam. Back Row: Coach Farrell, Todd Pickering, Robert Walker, Jon Russell, Adam Conner, Adam Rehberg, Buddy Rogers, Brandon Rehberg, Allan Cook, A.J. Lee. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



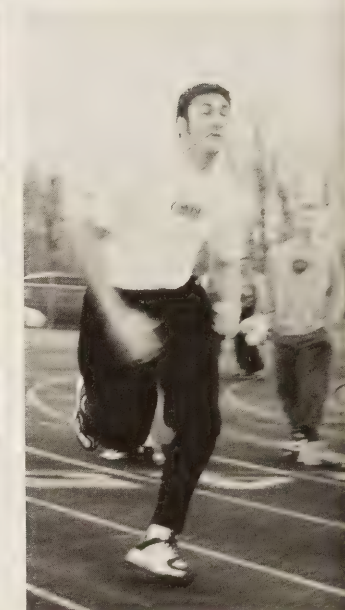
With deep looks of determination, Adam Rehberg and Mike Scelzo sprint off the line. Running with a partner better the chance of the team to win. "I like having someone beside me so I can get a good stride," said Scelzo. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



With a force to be reckoned with, Adam Rehberg throws the shotput ball for glory as a Chancellor thrower watches his feet. If a thrower's feet go over the line they are disqualified. *Photo by Adam Conner.*



Mike Scelzo leads the pack against teammate Brandon Rehberg and two other runners from Chancellor. Joe's momentum gave him the lead and the win. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



status symbols

LEFT TO RIGHT: Erin Chapman gives a boastful leap in the long jump. Todd Pickering goes for it all in the long jump. Sam Payne braves the cold as well as an opponent. Matt Phleger runs in a relay. *Photos by Jon Wassink and Adam Conner.*





marks of distinction

changes

Preparing for the spring season ahead and competing against other schools from around the area were two things that drove the athletes that participated in indoor track. The team went through many changes during the season.

"The biggest surprise for me was that we started with so many people and almost all of them quit or never came. There were a few who said they were on it [the team]; but, they never came because of other sports and when the benefits came they took those," said Sam Payne.

best performance

The season's beginning may have been rough, but the best was saved for last.

"My most memorable meet this season was at Districts, because I won the two mile," said Remy Merriam. "I performed best at Districts, I ran my fastest times ever," said Stacy Potter.

"This season I met a lot of new people. And throughout all the ups and downs, I don't think I will ever be able to forget this season," said Justin Peabody.



surprise endings

"When I crossed the line at Districts, after qualifying for states, I thought I had missed the time by two seconds. But then I found out I had made it by four [seconds]. Everyone did pretty good [at districts] so I was glad," said Stacy Potter.

Potter's extra seconds helped the team at states. The team overall record was much improved this season, Potter said.

The sky's the limit for Adam Conner as he soars through the air like a magnificent bird. Using the pole a jumper attempts to achieve greater and greater height. Photo by Jon Wassink.



Left to Right: Todd Pickering lands a successful long jump. Jon Russell jumps hurdles during practice. Adam Conner clears the jump point. Matt Vanallen continues the relay for the team. Photos by Jon Wassink and Adam Conner.

toughest match

Rob Richards felt that the Courtland match was the team's toughest this season, "because they're our biggest rival. All of the guys at that match wrestled their hardest and we had a lot of support at that match," he said. "All of the guys stood behind each other and cheered each other on."

"I was a little intimidated at first [when I wrestled L.J. Mathews]," George Yin said about his bout with his undefeated opponent. "But when I wrestled, I wrestled to the best of my ability. And, I almost caused the upset of the year."

rituals

"I haven't bought a new pair of wrestling shoes since freshman year," said junior Agee Showers even though his parents have offer to purchase new ones. "I've gone three seasons with the same pair, so there's no point in getting new ones now."

"I have lucky drawers," said Nick Knepp. "I won't wrestle without them."

When the team traveled to Charlottesville to wrestle, Knepp said he forgot them. He didn't dress at the same time as the rest of the team; he had to wait for his mom, who left early, to bring them to him.

improvement

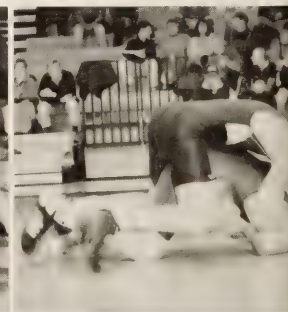
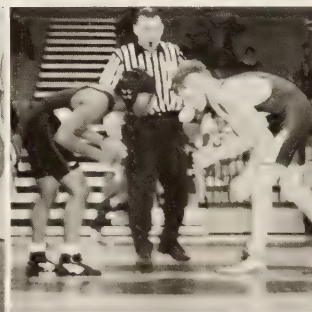
"I lifted weights every day over the summer," said Jay Morris. "I did it so that I could move up from the 112 to the 140 weight class."

Stretching is critical before a big match. Pulling a muscle is not only painful but could put a wrestler out for the season. David Holley stretches before a match. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



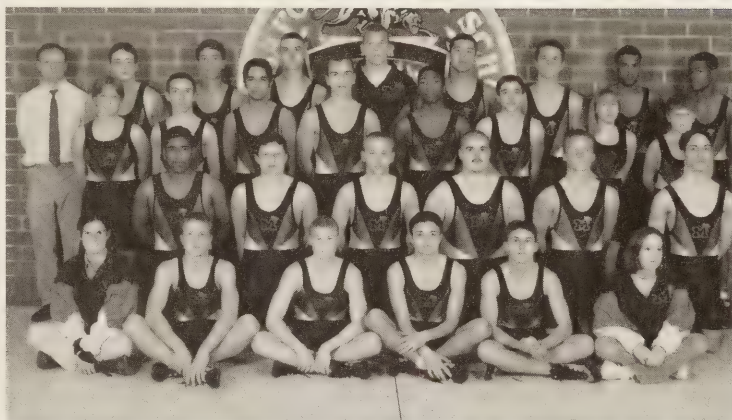
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LEFT TO RIGHT: George Yin puts David Holley to the mat. John Broughton struggles to get free. Mark Beemah gets ready to wrestle against Chancellor. Jason Young tangles with an opponent. *Photos by Jon Wassink and Erica Thomas.*

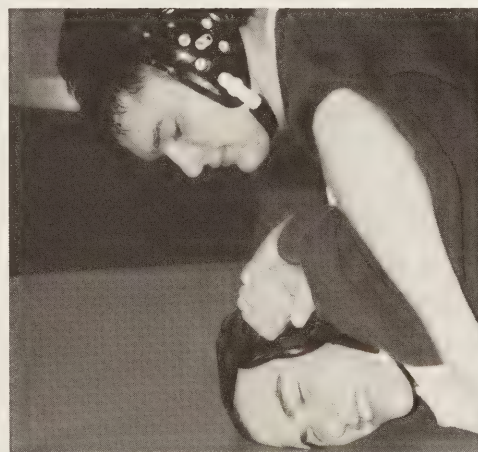
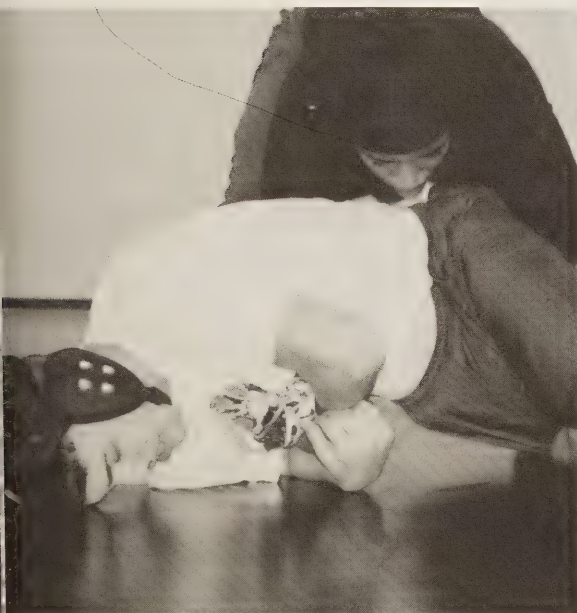




Before the match the team unites by laying on the mat and discussing their strategy. This technique is used to unite the team to a victory. Photo by Jon Wassink.

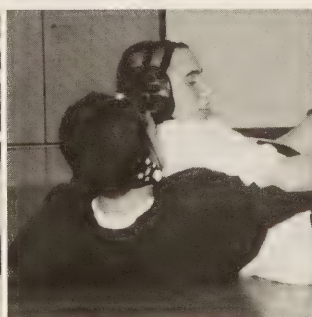
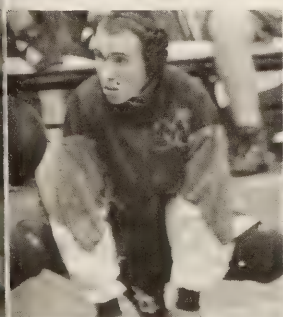


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At practice wrestlers battle each other. Eventually the wrestlers know each others weaknesses but the wrestlers need the practice. Nick Knepp moans with pain as Jeremy Colwell puts his face to the mat. Photo by Erica Thomas.

Attempting moves are difficult when the opponent is unwilling. Agee Showers tries to defend himself from Eric Bliss. Photo by Erica Thomas.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Nick Knepp stretching before a match. Jeremy Colwell and Nick Knepp wrestle during practice. Joe Szymzack and George Yin practicing. John Broughton wrestling an opponent. Photos by Jon Wassink and Erica Thomas.

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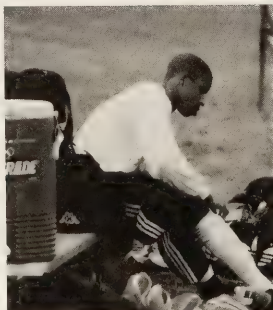
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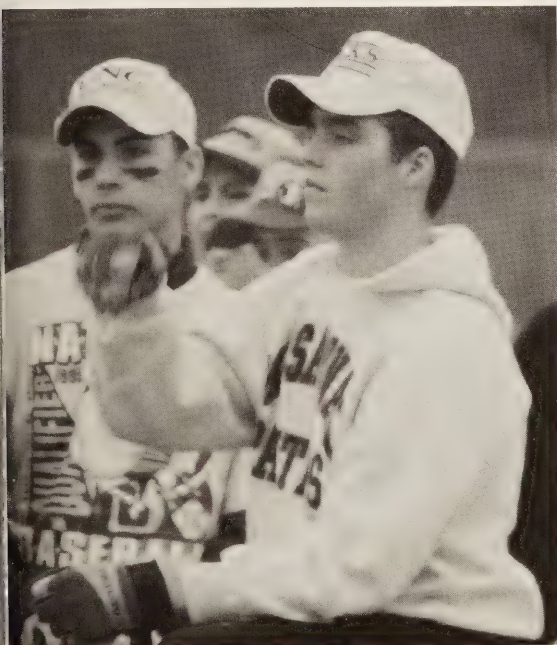




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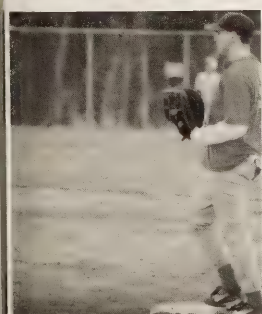


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munchin'

Taking advantage of the short line, Venessa Deleon also supports the FCCLA. The idea for the cookies was created before school even opened. "This is a great fund-raiser," said Mrs. Clark, who adopted the idea from fellow FCCLA advisors in the area. The program provided a two-fold purpose: it gave club members a grade for their participation, requiring them to spend one hour after school to help during a marking period, but it also provided members with on the job training, like dealing with money, customers, and marketing strategies, according to Clark. Aside from the scholastic aspect of the program, it also gave incentive to other students to get their work done early, which allowed them to beat the long lines. *Photo by Christina Colley.*



gazin'

Advertising student's star status, SCA member Bridget Benedict tapes stars to the library windows after school. "We put up the stars to make the entire school feel like part of the SCA," said Benedict of the project. The endeavor had its price; it required SCA members to spend hours upon days in the library over Christmas break, according to Benedict. The stars caught the attention of students and faculty alike, raising the awareness of the convergence of students and the heavens. "Hopefully it made everyone feel more together, but I think it paid off in the end," said Benedict. Photo by Sandy Woodcock.

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get INVOLVED

thumpin'

Keeping the percussion line in check, Drum Major Younah Pee ensures Wayne Pinkney's instrument is in peak performance condition. Pee's responsibilities as Drum Major ranged from the small, behind the scenes tasks, to the large, more apparent mid-game instrument checks. "You're leading large numbers of people and are basically the glue that keeps them together," said Pee. The position also necessitated people skills and the ability to remain a role model at all times. Being the front runner of such a large band was not always easy, according to Pee. The job had its ups and downs, though the band stuck together through it all. Photo by Jon Wassink.

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ANSWER...

When you go off to compete, what did you think of most? What was your most interesting experience at a competition?

Derik Sears



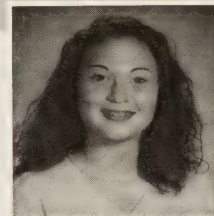
"I think of why I get up at 5 am on Saturday morning to argue with other people."

Lindsay Church



"I think of doing my best so that we can win because every person counts."

Rachelle Sinclair

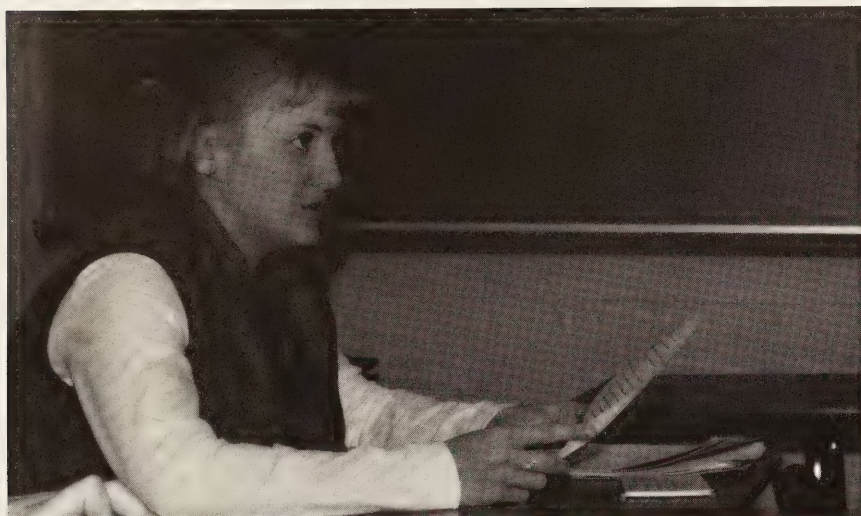


"I just love competing. (Before) I thought about... what techniques I would use. I always get nervous..., but once I get there, I usually get over it."

Elizabeth Sabu

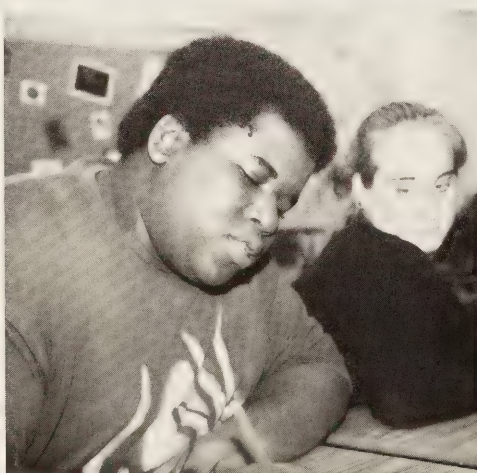


"I think of most about whether or not we'll win. My most interesting experience was when I actually answered a question right."

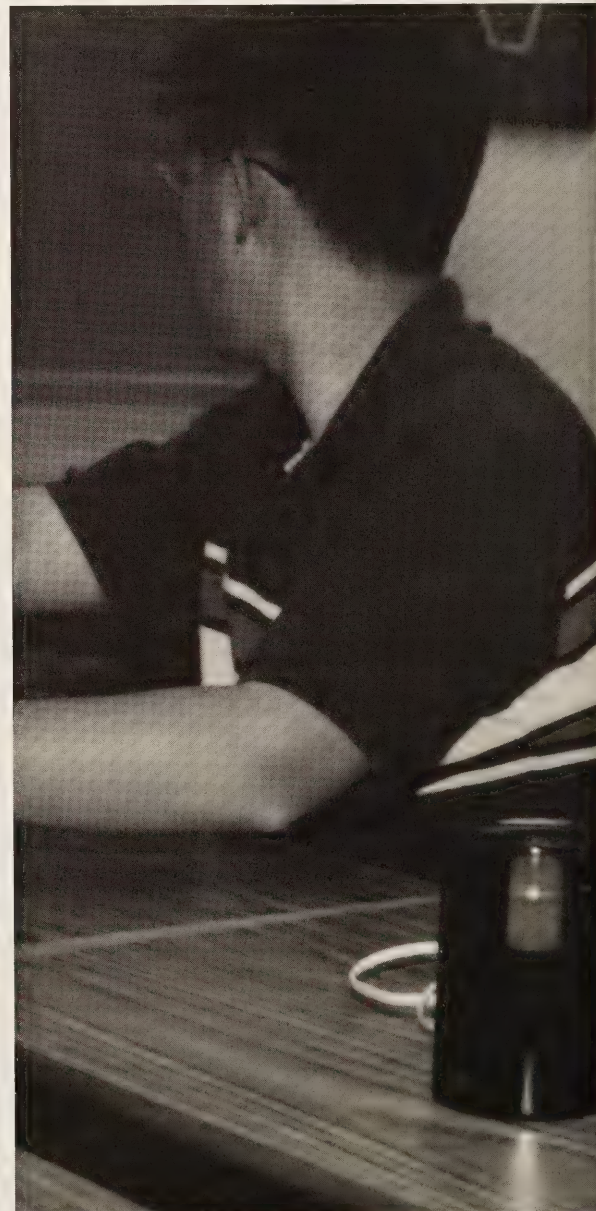


Sitting and listening to the lecture, Angie Dietz seems really interested in the class public speaking also associated with the club Forensics. *Photo by John Broughton*

Preparing for the Academic Team's next Competition, Lamont Widgeon, discusses the questions with fellow team members and writes down the answer. *Photo by John Broughton*



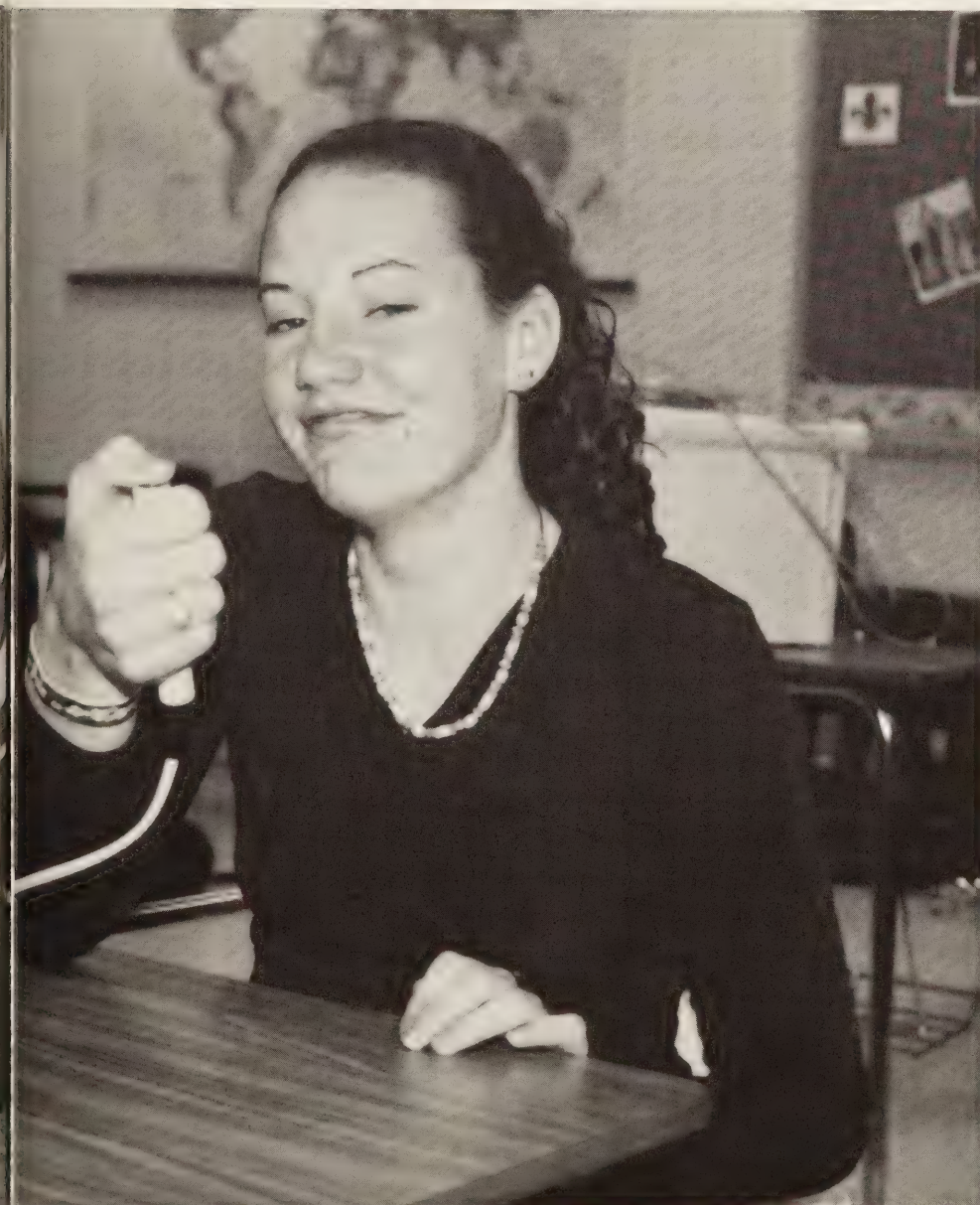
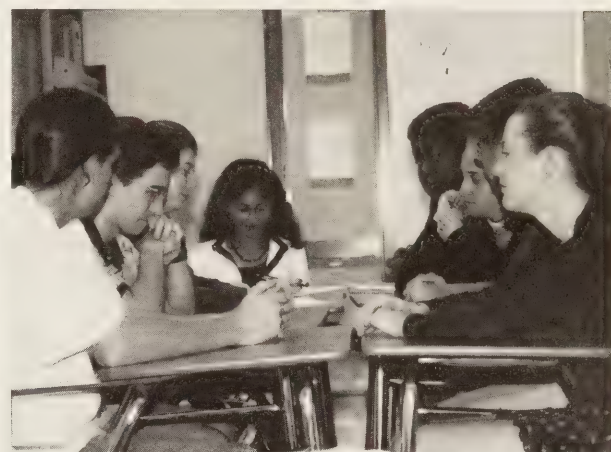
Making Sure the buzzer works, Jamie Knapp, Academic Team player gets ready to battle it out with her fellow student members for a trial competition, preparing them for the real thing. *Photo by Adam Conner*





Making a phone call after the academic team meeting, Daniel Brown, waits anxiously for his mother to answer the phone. *Photo by Adam Conner*

Discussing the academic teams next competition, Gabe Walters, Renee Keeler, Ms. Newbill, Elizabeth Sabu, Lamont Widgeon, Jennifer, and Jamie Napp, all gather as a team to discuss their strategy. *Photo by John Broughton*



Waiting and listening, Elizabeth Sabu, waits for instructions from the academic team adviser Ms. Newbill. *Photo by Adam Conner*

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Jillian Brown



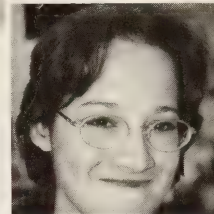
"The most interesting experience was winning the Heart of Cary. The thing I think of most when competing is just to stay calm."

Stacey Mickens



"Preparation for competition takes a lot of work, but the long hours and sleep deprivation are all worth it."

Tiffany Carty



"The one thing that I think of most is 'I hope I don't fall or lose a shoe.' The most interesting experience is winning the 'Heart of Cary'."

Wayne Pinkney

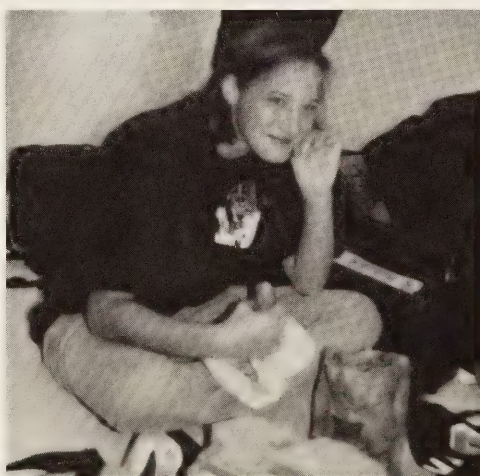


"When we go off to compete, we think about doing our best. Our most interesting experience was winning the Heart of Cary."



Playing a tune, Junior Justin Arocho, and Sophomore Andrea Wilkins follow their cues during an all county band concert, at Massaponax. Photo by Mr. Koch.

Taking a lunch break, Junior Tiffany Carty eats her food, during a Band competition at Massaponax. Photo by Leigha Surles.



Direction by voice, Band Director Mr. Koch goes over the days practice with the marching band. Freshmen Lee Martin and Sara Lance, along with Sophomore Brian Sumner, listen intently. Photo by Stevi Antosh.



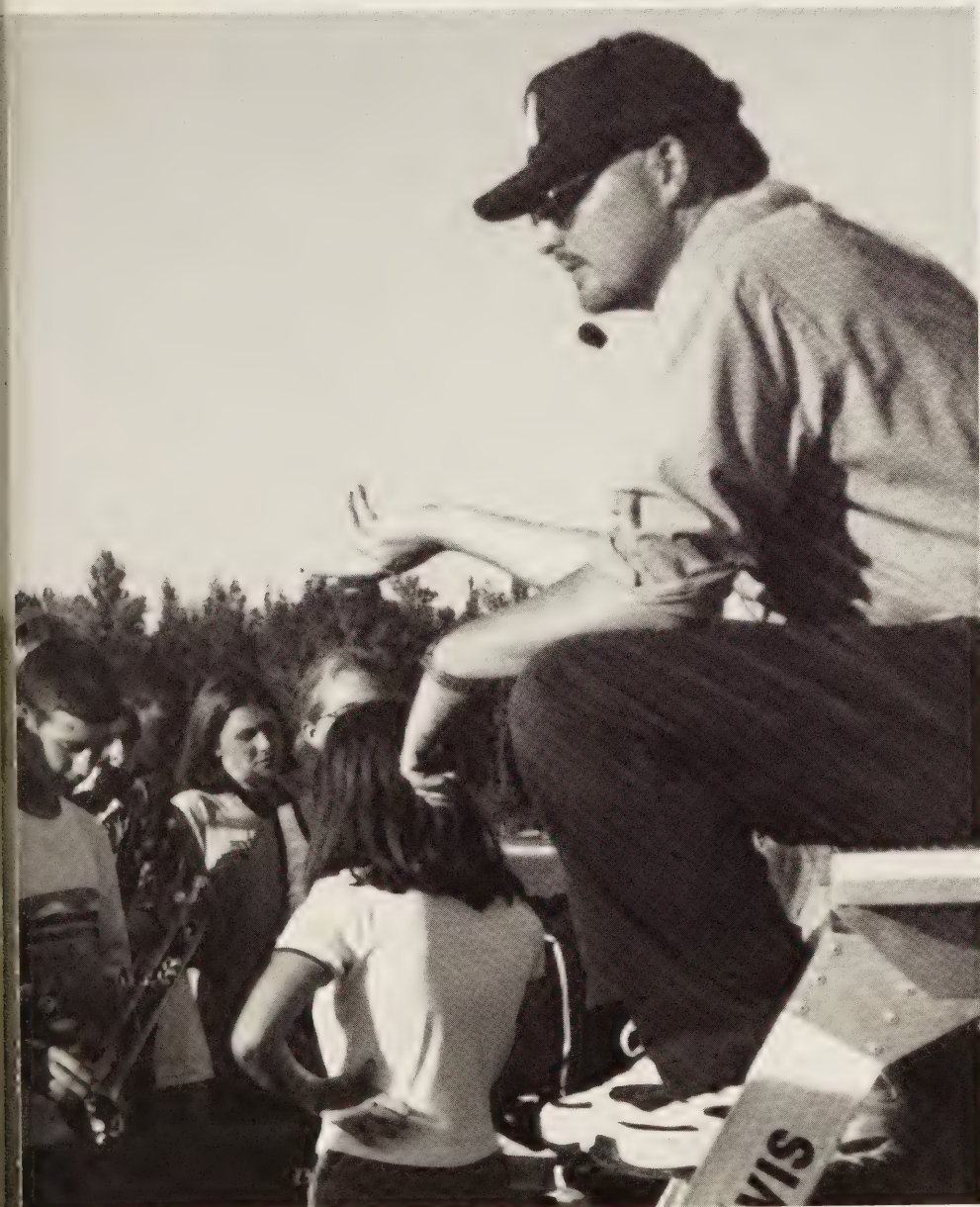
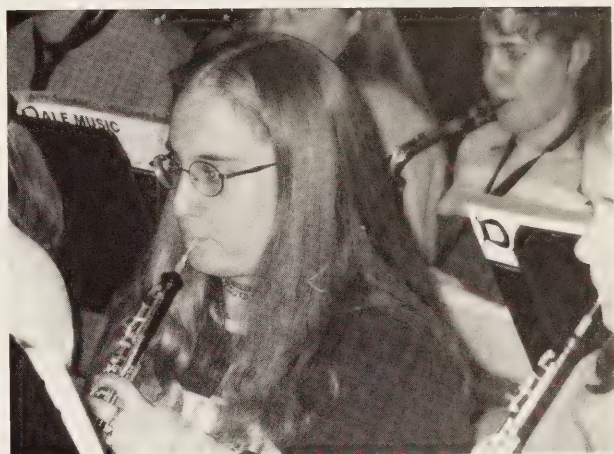


Fixing their do before a game, Freshmen color guard, Tiffany Ellis, and Jessica Mills, prepare to take the field at half time. *Photo by Leigha Surles.*

All County band member, Sophomore DeWayne Pinkney plays his Basoon, during a concert at Massaponax. *Photo by Mr. Koch.*



Following her music, Junior Renee Keeler keeps in time with the rest of her All-County band members, during a concert at Massaponax. *Photo by Mr. Koch.*

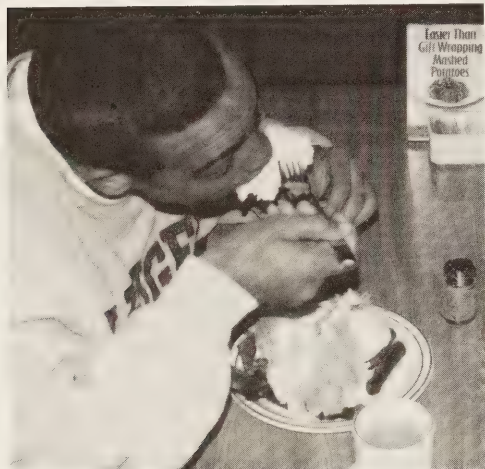
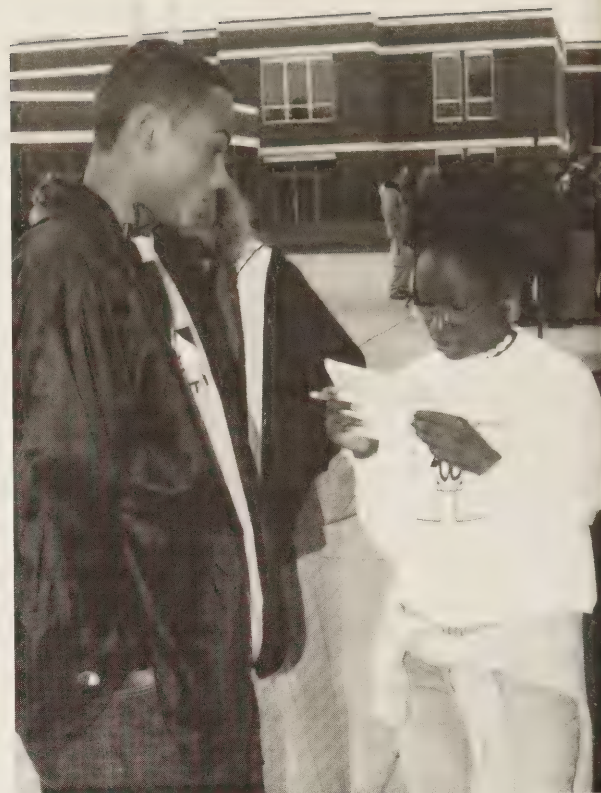
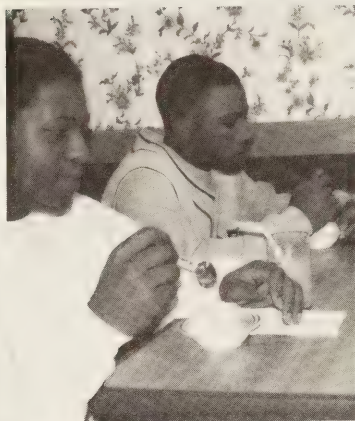


Droning on his Tuba, Sophomore Aaron Graham, practices for a concert for the All-County band, at Massaponax. *Photo by Mr. Koch.*

Senior Antonio Nunez waits to board the bus heading for the breakfast while Elita Walker checks for his name on the master list. Photo by Justin Nissley

Members of the senior class board the bus, which will take them to Old Country Buffet for the senior breakfast. Photo by Justin Nissley

After taking a break from talking to wait in line, Nicole Kosco, finally makes it to the orange juice dispenser. Photo by Justin Nissley



Senior Joey Morin takes advantage of the all you can eat buffet and more than gets his money's worth out of the meal. Photo by Justin Nissley

Members of the senior class board the bus, which will take them to Old Country Buffet for the senior breakfast. Photo by Justin Nissley



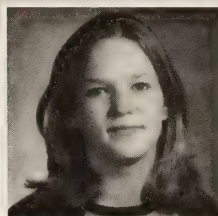
Did you run for class office? Why or why not? What characteristics should an officer have?

Rebecca Armstrong



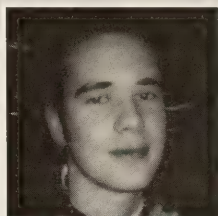
"Everyone is very comfortable with one another and you can open up and be yourself, but I hate memorizing my monologue."

Audra Rojek



"I ran for vice president of sophomore class but I didn't get it. I wanted us to have a good year with lots of stuff to do..."

Philip Seidman



"I didn't want to be a class officer because I work after school. Between that and my other activities I just wouldn't have the time."

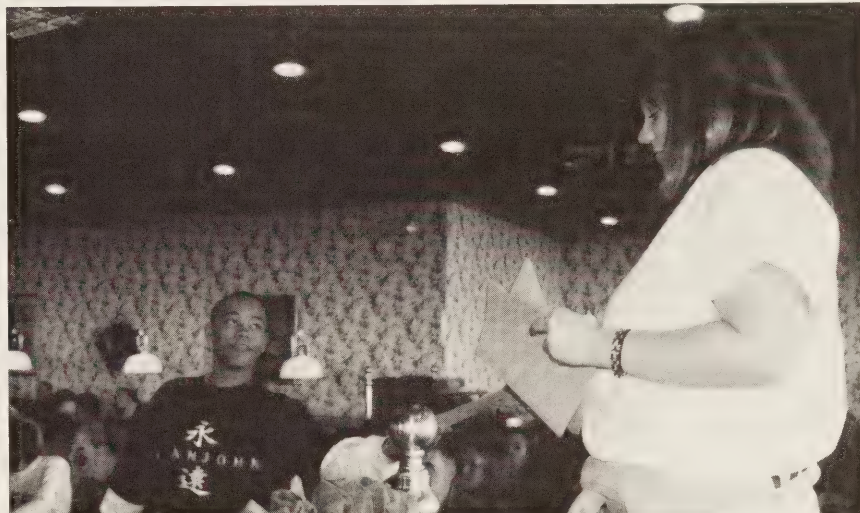
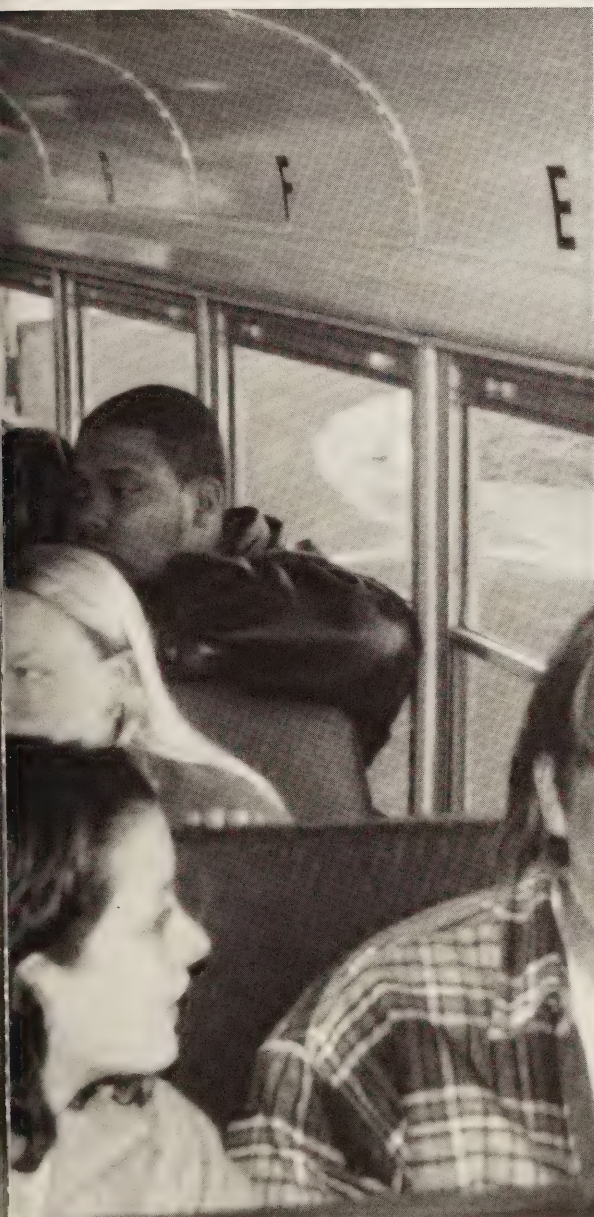
Leigha Surles



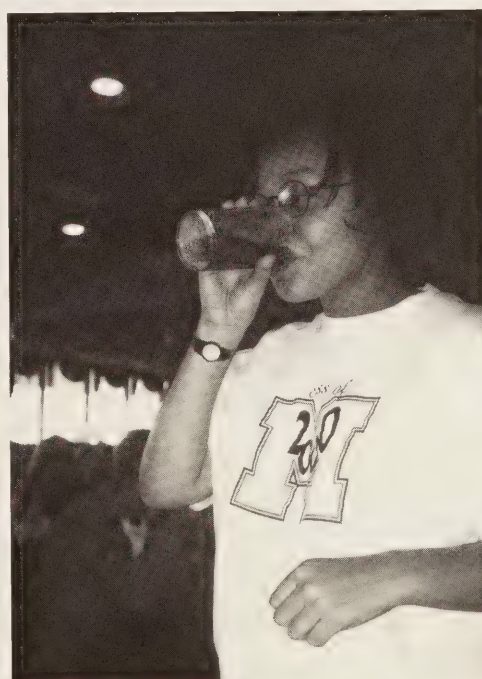
"I don't think I fit into that category of class officer. I'm not one to go to SCA meetings and stuff, I leave that to other people."

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After arriving at the restaurant for the senior breakfast, Scottie Holland turns in his list of achievements to yearbook section editor Shannon Lally. *Photo by Jon Wassink*



Resting after her tiring social rounds, Tifani Evens takes a sip of her drink at the senior breakfast. *Photo by Christina Colley*

Holding their ballons and posing, Caroline Gueling, Charlene Basso, and Danielle Lawrence are glad that the day is over but enjoyed their time at the Virginia State fair. *Photo by Crissy Colley*



Riding in the back of a bumpy bus, Jose Perez sits patiently to arrive at the Virginia State fair in Richmond. *Photo by Crissy Colley*



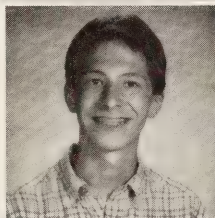
Helping Joe Scelzeo, Mrs. Clark makes the choice of cookies a lot easier. *Photo by Crissy Colley*



Did
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favorite
COOKIE?

*The smell of cookies filled the halls.
What was your favorite flavor and
how often did you buy them?*

Justin Arocho



"Chocolate Chip because they usually offer it with white chocolate chips with Macadamia, which I hate."

Jeannie Payne



"I get oatmeal raisin all the time because they taste the best. I only can buy them when I have money."

Nikki Cutlip



"I get the double chocolate chip cookies, but I only got them once. I don't buy cookies too often because I don't want to get fat."

Michelle Samperton



"Chocolate Chip because they are mmm hmm good! I buy them whenever my boyfriend gives me money."



Trying to pick between chocolate chip and oatmeal cookies Charlene Basso finally chooses her afternoon snack. Photo by Crissy Colley



In a line, ready to receive their awards, Gerald Bage is proud to show his ribbon that he won at the Virginia State fair. Bage was rewarded with first place. Photo by Crissy Colley



Showing off her awards, Carrie Raines won second place in the Virginia State fair. Photo by Crissy Colley

A way to raise money for FCCLA, the club sells cookies to students after school. Natalie Hahn buys chocolate chips cookies from Mrs. Clark. Photo by Crissy Colley

Designing a sign for the Adventure Club at the tailgate party, Shannon Lucas, Shannon DuChemin, and Christin DuChemin all give out a friendly smile. *Photo by Jon Wassink*

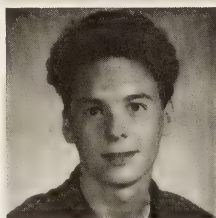


Participating in the Letter's To Santa Program, Shannon Lally prepares one of the many presents that were being given out to the kids in the area. *Photo by Erica Thomas*



What was your favorite community service activity. How important do you believe these activities are?

Ben Cox



"My favorite community service activity was helping out with Letters to Santa. This activity, along with all the other service projects, is very important"

Lindsay Biddinger



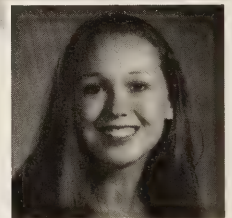
"My favorite community service activity is helping out with elementary school events. I think these are very important because the schools need our help and it is fun."

Andrea Lyall



"One of my favorite service activities is the 30-hour famine...It's hard, but it makes you have accomplished something."

Sommer Wells



"Feild Day last year at Spotswood (was my favorite service activity) because I got to play with the kids. They are very beneficial for my future career."

HEART...



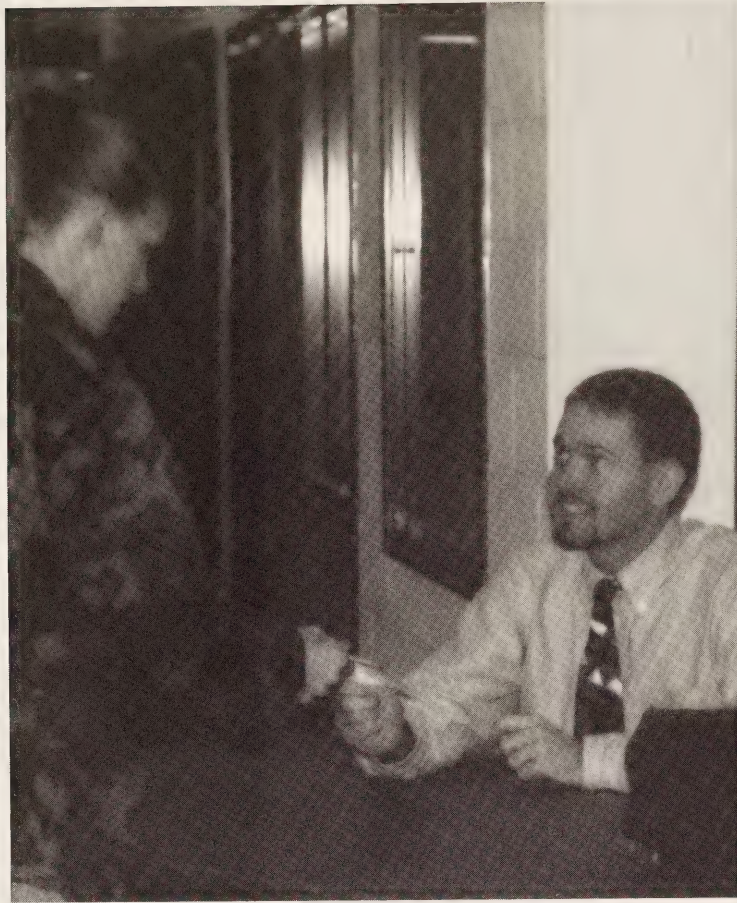
Key Club participant K.C. Cowser wraps one of various presents for the Letter's To Santa Program. The Club collected numerous toys, clothes, tennis shoes, and sports products for the kids in the district. *Photo by Erica Thomas*



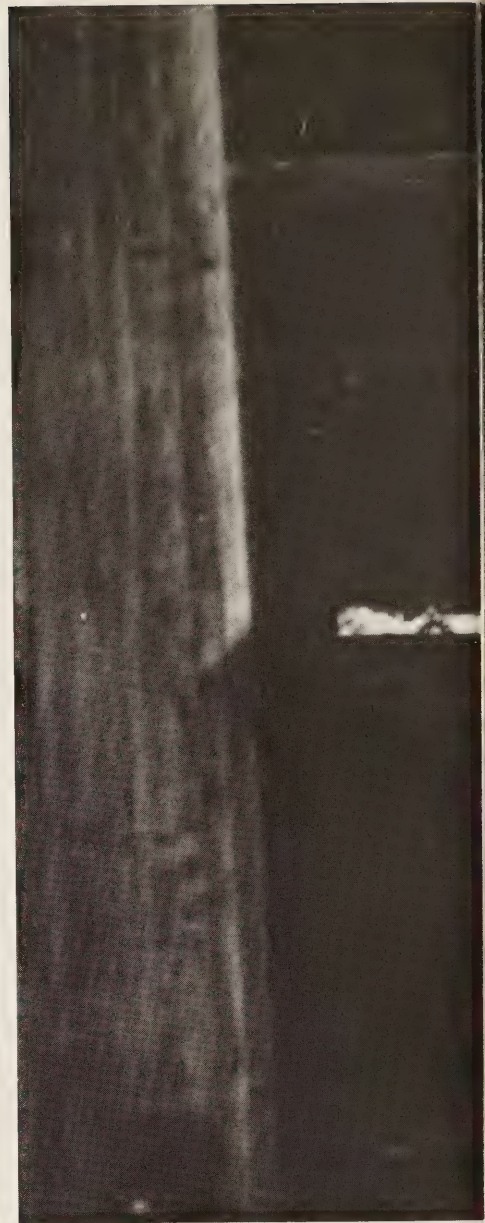
On a hike at Old Rag Mountain, Shannon and Christin DuChemin, Rene Soto, and Chris King pose for the camera under the bright sun. The day trip to the mountain consisted of about a 7 mile walk through woods, creeks, many rocks.

Hanging out at the tailgate party, Chip Clark sets up a camping display for the Adventure Club. He was prepared for a day of fishing and camping. *Photo by Nick Barksdale*

For a little taste of medieval torture, Catherine Walden was locked into stocks at the Virginia Renaissance Fair. Photo by Elizabeth Easley.



Taking time from organizing Science Club activities, Mr. Stebar checks Amy Roberts' pass. Mr. Stebar and Mr. Mann sponsored the Science Club. Photo by Christina Colley



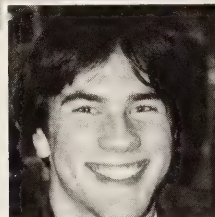
What is your favorite curriculum based club? Why did you become involved in that club?

Cami Thompson



"I really like Spanish Club. I became involved with it because I wanted to be with other people who like Spanish and learn more about Latin American Culture."

Keith Parker



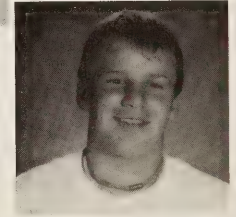
"I joined Latin Club to meet new people. The state and national conventions are great places to meet people. I've made so many friends through Latin Club."

Letitia Bowler



"My favorite curriculum based club is USA-VICA...I really didn't have a choice to become a part of the club. Everyone that takes classes there is automatically in the club."

Chris Barksdale

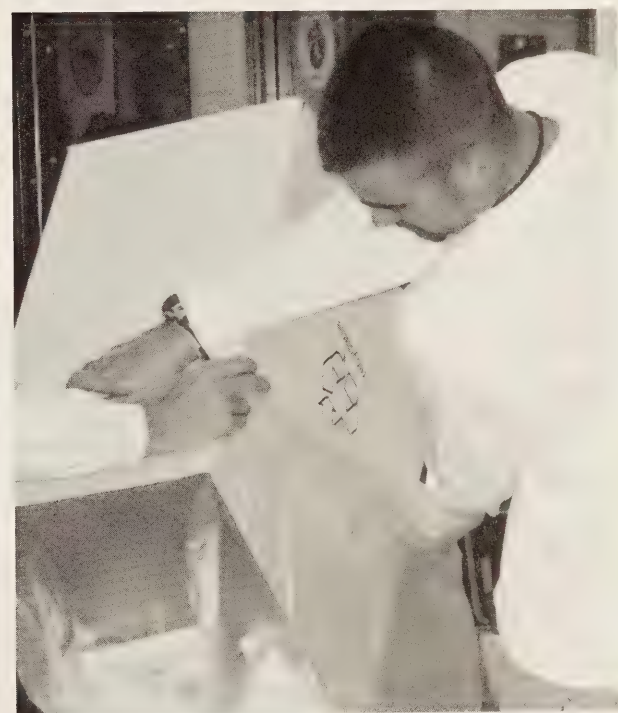
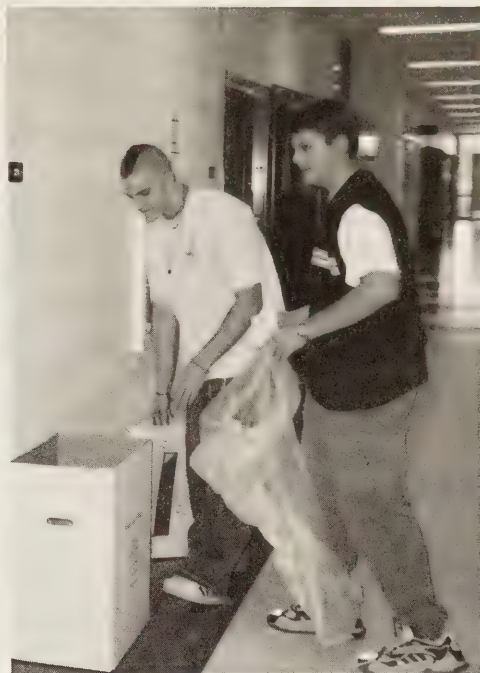


"Spanish Club is fun because of all the activities we do. We ate Mexican food and had a fiesta and those were fun. I also joined to help me in the class itself."

CLUB...



To empty a recycling bin Josh Kern and Ved Miletic worked as a team. The Science Club emptied all of the recycling bins in the school as a service project. *Photo by Robert Berry.*

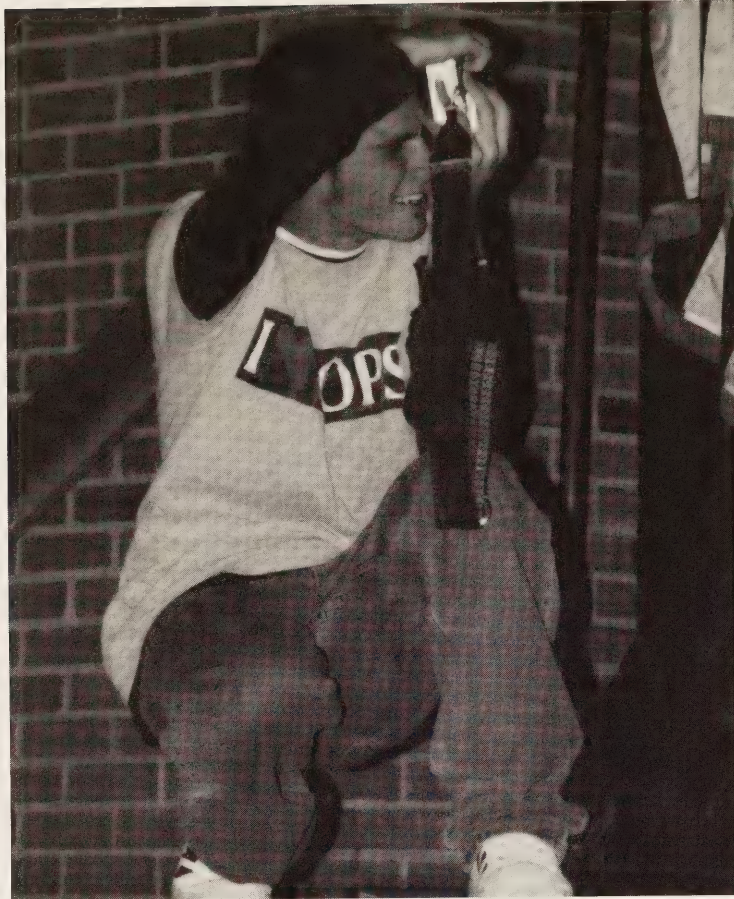
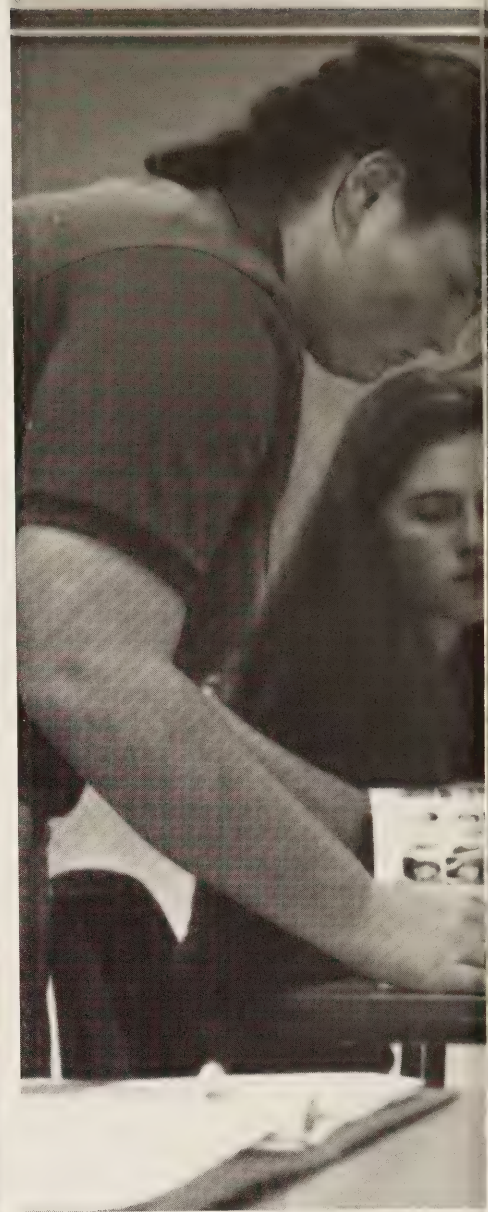


Senior Pete Survell helps out by emptying recycling bins for the Science Club. *Photo by Robert Berry.*



For their efforts on the Homecoming banner, the English Club received second place. The banners were paraded around the track before the game by Allison Catapono, Amanda Vaughn, and Tanya Rutherford and were displayed at the tailgate party. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

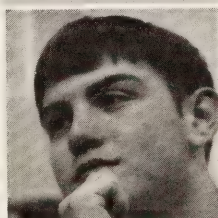
Working busily on layouts for the yearbook. Jennifer Klarman, Mary Flanigen, Jennifer Ziegler, Jessica McDonald, and Sarah Moran help each other identify names for their pages. "Identifying people in the yearbook is a lot harder than it seems, there are a lot of people in this school that I don't know" said Flanigen about their unique job. Photo by Jon Wassink



Staying late to photograph the many after school activities is a major priority for the students in Mrs. Woodcock's yearbook class. At the Charlie Brown dress rehearsal, Jon Wassink steadily takes a picture of the actors. Photo by Erica Thomas

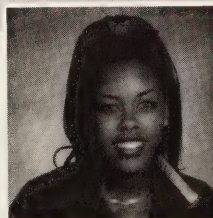
Some students join clubs out of their own interest. What sparked your interest to join? What is your favorite club activity?

Cliff Cambell



"(The) Literary Magazine let's you learn more about people by seeing the other side of them."

Tanisha Montigue



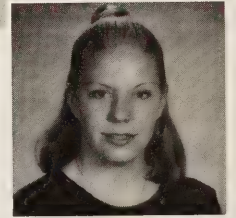
"The competition gets my adrenaline flowing. When I'm going to the competition and once I get there is the best part."

Jenna Louderback



"...I like English. I think that language and words can describe things that nothing else can."

Carolyn Zidek

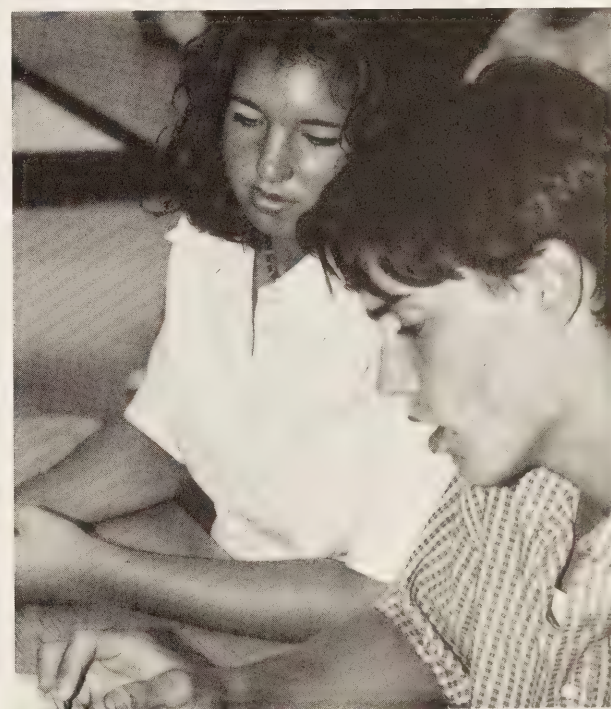
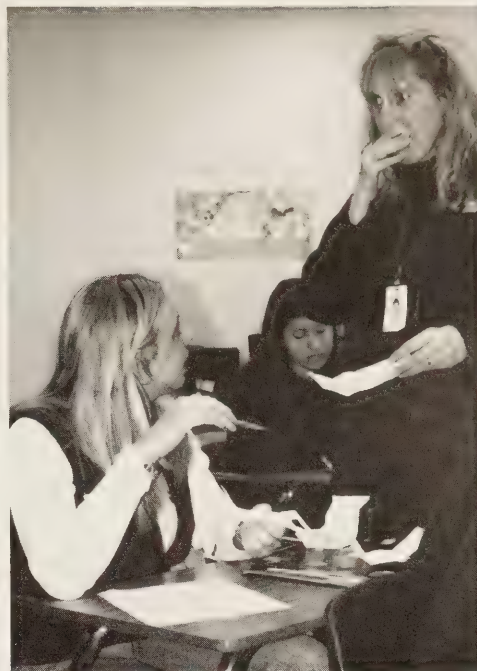


"When you do a good thing, it makes you feel more confident about yourself."

PRESS...



Inquisitively pondering about what will be on the exam, Megan Yooder, a junior asks her teacher, Mrs. Campbell, a question on the profile portion of their exam. The Literary Magazine exam this year consisted of various elements including making up a profile. *Photo by Stevi Antosh*

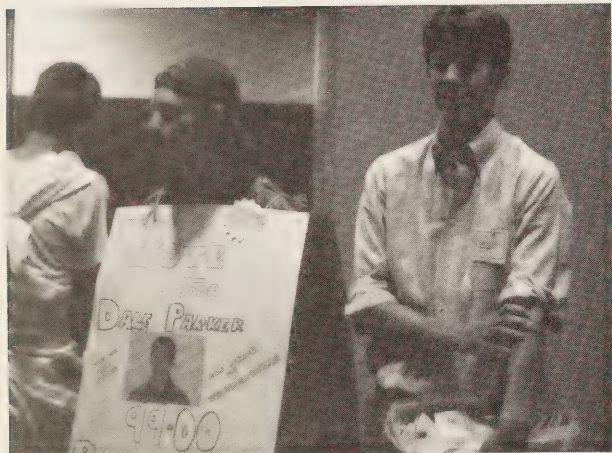
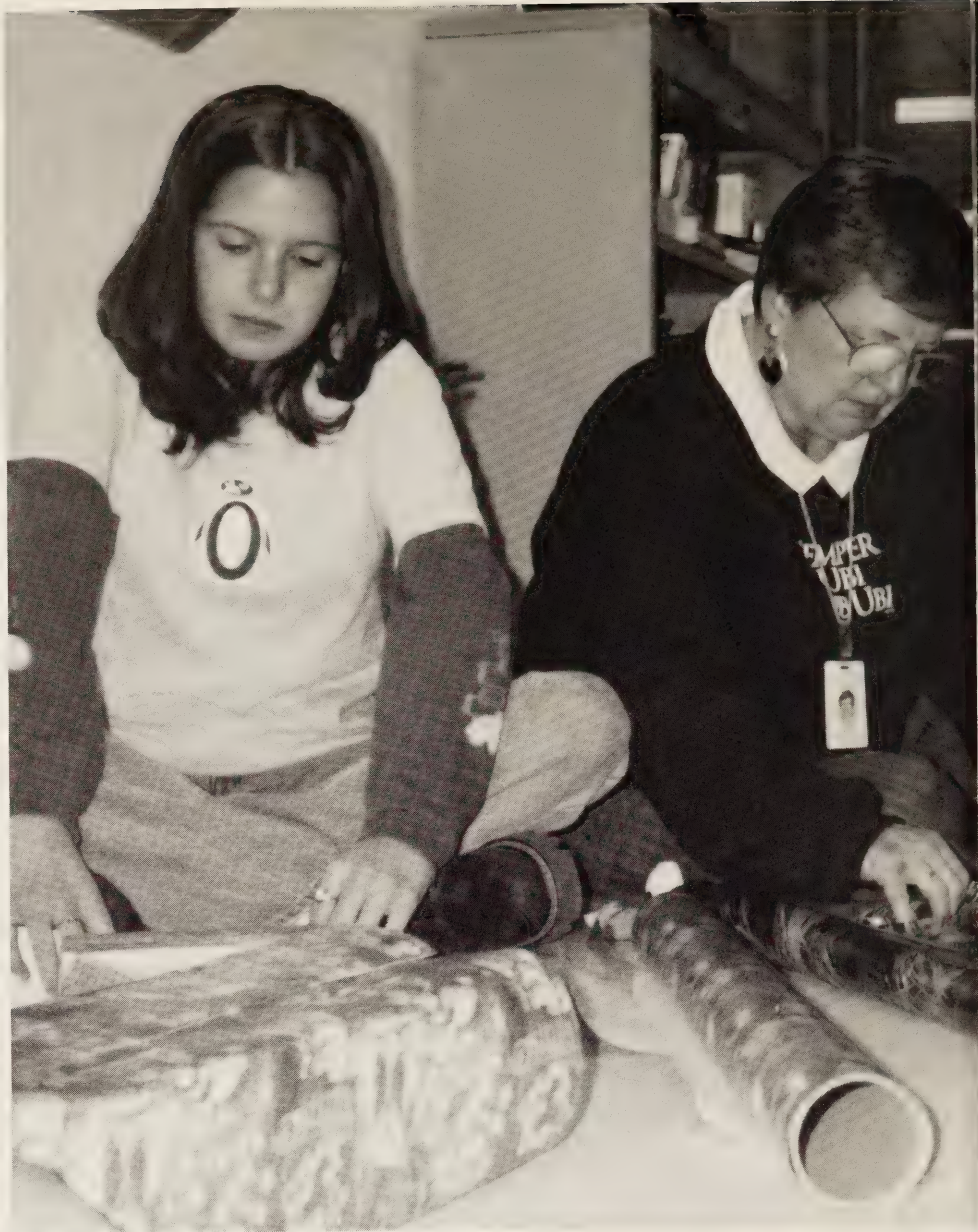


Choosing what pictures to put in the yearbook is tough, especially when you have a variety of photographs to choose from. Allison Sapp and James Blackburn look through the pile of pictures selecting the best ones.

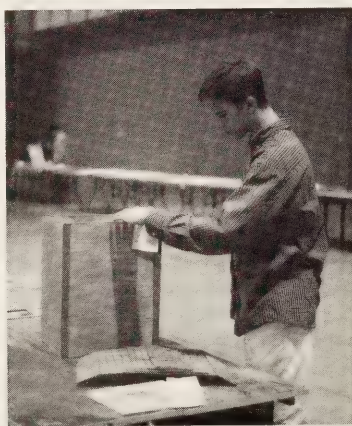
Helping to spread a little Halloween cheer, members of the literary magazine Elaine Fugee and Rachel Stapp help organize the Goblin Grams for delivery. *Photo by Jon Wassink*

One of Latin Club's activities was adopting a child for the Holiday Hope program. The club adopted a six year old boy to provide presents for. "It was nice to know that I was helping someone to have a better Christmas," said Freshman Carrie Smith. Here Ginny Holloway, Mrs. Stokes and Carrie Smith wrap the presents they had purchased. *Photo by Kaya Wilson*

A lot of time went into preparing for the Latin Convention. Ben Cox concentrates while he draws a poster to put on a stick for the spirit contest. *Photo by Kaya Wilson*



At the Latin Convention Dale Parker ran for Parliamentarian. Matt Smith and Dale campaign for the election with signs and stickers. *Photo by Kaya Wilson*



Matt Herbek carefully makes a model of a Roman apartment building for a project at the Latin Convention. *Photo by Kaya Wilson*



All the club members had a good time getting the gifts together for Holiday Hope. Kaya Wilson looks over a stocking for the little boy they bought gifts for. *Photo by Matt Smith*



Lindsay Biddinger tries desperately to pile up the many presents that the Latin Club had accumulated for the Holiday Hope program. *Photo by Kaya Wilson*

The Latin Convention had many activities including a spirit contest. Here Sophomore Matt Herbek and Suzy Peck show their spirit. *Photo by Kaya Wilson*



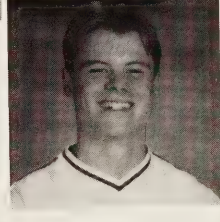
How important is your membership in this club? What is your favorite club activity?

Patie Buckley

KC Cowser

Stephanie Holland

Colby Goetz



"It is important to me because I enjoy art. My favorite club activity is being the photographer."

"This club (NHS) is important to me because all of my academic years in high school went into it."

"It is a club to encourage African Americans to strive for excellence. They give us guidance and counseling to prepare us for college."

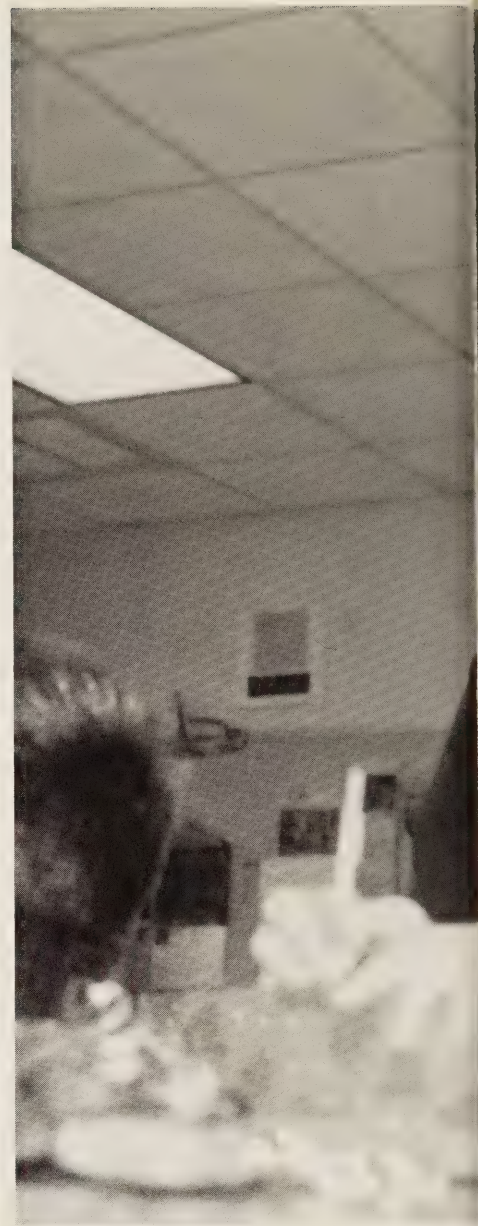
"I like it when we go out to eat in Spanish restaurants for Spanish club. We get to eat good food and hang out with friends."

Scholars...

Wrapping and tagging presents that the Spanish Club bought for a needy girl, president Mark Blake, a junior, finishes up last minute touches.
Photo by Laura Weidenbach



Getting in the Christmas spirit by decorating Senora McCrary's doorway, Jessica Torrez, a senior, partakes in the after school activity.
Photo by Laura Weidenbach



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Tesherra Boxley



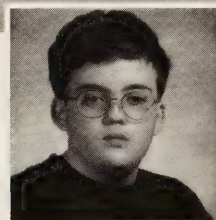
"The fact that other people in the club had as much interest in learning German as I did encouraged me to join; plus, the fact that I used to live in Germany helped."

Colleen Fowler



"A reason to stay after school. My favorite club activity is the pumpkin carving contest (in Spanish Club). It was cool."

Brandon Lee



"I wanted to learn more about the language and the countries where it's spoken. We learned about bullfighting and the history of the language."

Megan Aldrich



"I joined Spanish Club to get to learn Spanish better. My favorite club activity is to go to Spanish restaurants to eat."

More
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Language...



Decorating the Christmas tree in Senora McCrary's Spanish IV class, J.P. Yurgel, a junior, adds an ornament that he had made. Photo By Adam Conner



Making a Christmas ornament during Senora McCrary's Spanish IV class, juniors Justin Peabody and Carmen Rios, try to figure out what to do next. Photo By Adam Conner

Displaying the Spanish Club banner during the Homecoming Pep Rally, juniors Elisa Bennet, Carmen Rios, and Mary Yancy look at the other clubs presenting their banners. Photo by Adam Conner

Working ever so hard on the "Giving Tree," Mandy Cabral, untangles the Christmas lights. Mandy is a part of the SCA, which sponsored the Giving Tree. *Photo by Jon Wassink*



At the first pep rally of the year, Alex Martin smashes a pie into Brian Dougherty's face. Alex was the winner of the pie race during the pep rally. *Photo by Jon Wassink*



At the tailgate party, Seniors Elita Walker and Trevor Walsh talk before the homecoming football game. Many students brought tents, coolers, and lots of food for the first tailgate party. *Photo by Stevi Antosh*

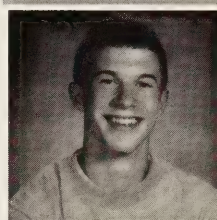


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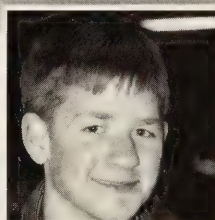
How important is your membership in this club? What is your favorite club activity?

Mark Blake



"Spanish Honors Society is important because it looks good on job and college applications. My favorite activity is the fiestas that we had during the holidays

Richard Erwin



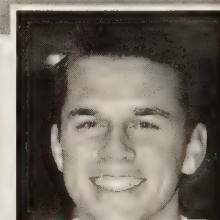
"It means a lot to me (to be in the NHS) because I had to work hard to get in and I wanted to be part of something that included so many successful students."

Christina Hovey



"This (NAHS) is an awesome club; we get to do fun workshops and other activities. The best part is going to Washington D.C."

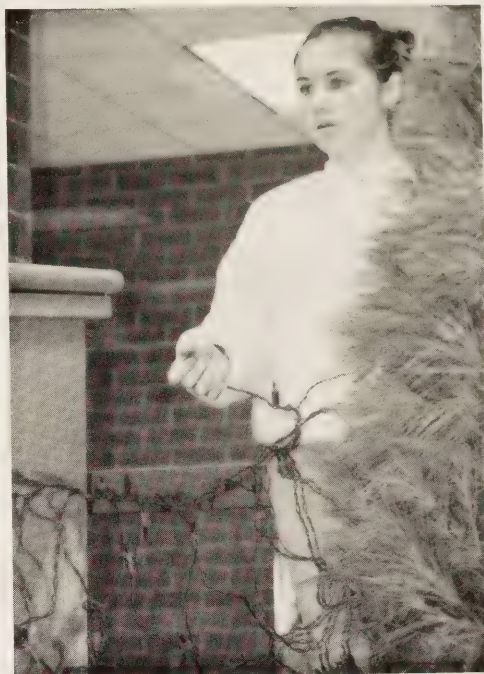
Ian Moon



"It (NAHS) is important because it gives me important opportunities to help further me in art."



Eating her lunch while in the SCA room, Sophomore Sommer Wells works during her free time. Many SCA members ate in the room in order to get things done. *Photo by Jon Wassink*



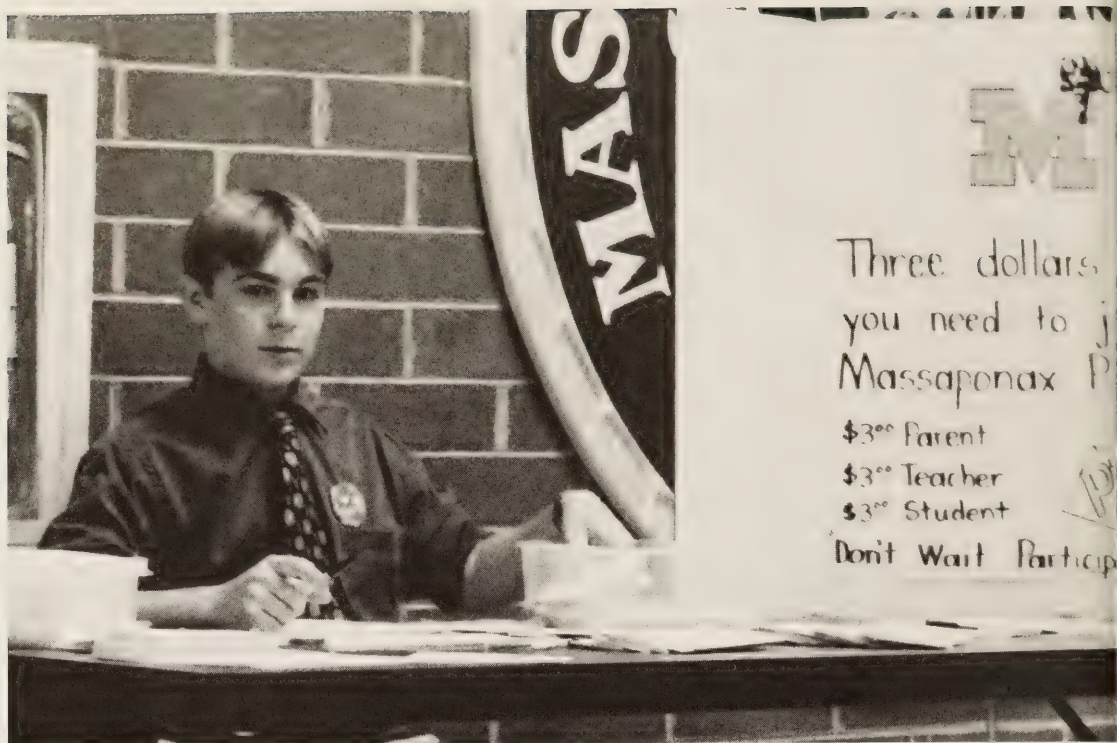
Mrs. Holland decorates Tara Laymen, a member of the Homecoming Court with the assistance of SCA member Shawn Fulcomer. The SCA sponsored the dance, as well as other school-wide activities. *Photo by Segall-Majestic*



SCA members Catherine Walden and Jon Wassink advertise the location of the SCA office by painting its windows. *Photo by Michael Toner*

Representing the SCA, Elita Walker sits next to Mr. Rodkey at the dedication ceremony of the James Farmer Library.

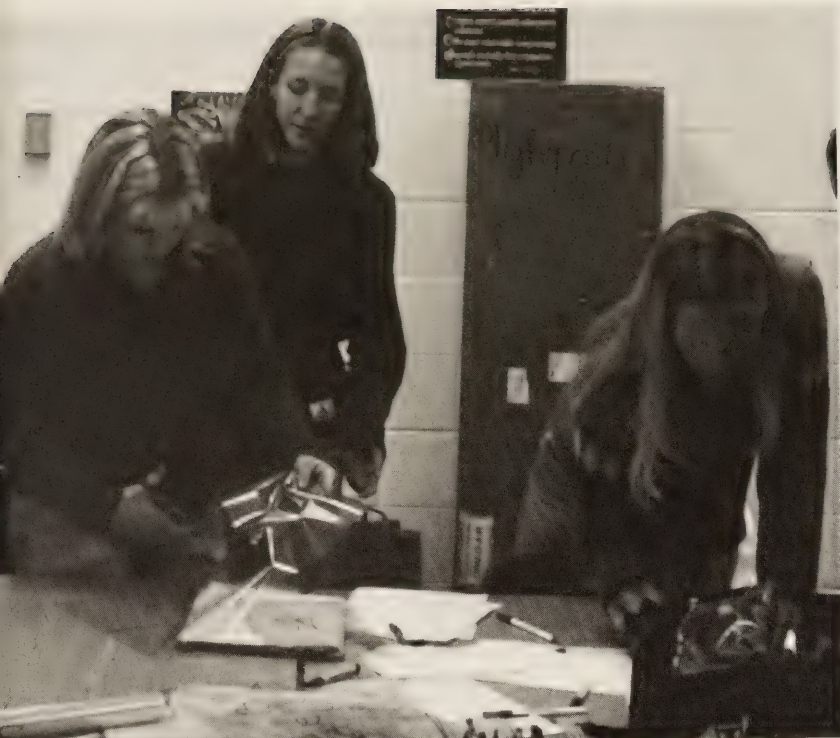
"PTSA is a great way to get involved in the school as a student. Having a student sell the memberships encourages other students to join," said Michael Toner, while he ran the PTSA membership booth. Photo by Jon Wassink



Helping spread the saying, "Everyone is a Star", Gene Wright hangs stars on the windows of the library. Wright said, "I'm still seeing stars." Photo by Sandra Woodcock

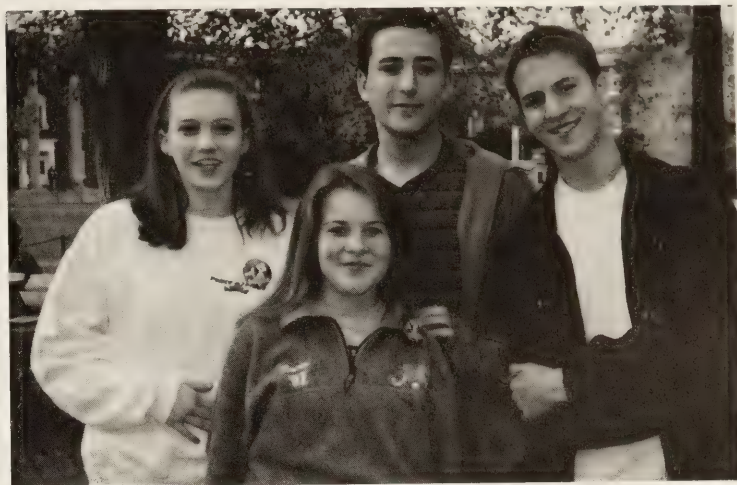
After raising money for the Ryan Hall Fund, Mr. Rodkey had to owe up to his bet and kiss a pig. SCA President, Jon Wassink said, it was a huge success. The only part I had a problem with was the pig. It squirmed and squealed a lot." Photo by Stevi Antosh





Preparing for the Homecoming dance, Catherine Walden, Shannon Voss, and Bridget Benedict cut out decorations. "The lanterns were the hardest decoration we made because the directions were unclear and we had to improvise," said Catherine Walden. *Photo by Jon Wassink*

Stopping for a photo op at the 1999 Aids walk, Todd Rosenbaum, Laura Nelson, Jenny Neilson, and Matt Herbek smile for the camera. The SCA "raised money by asking people for donations and then gave the money to the Aids research fund," said Jenny Neilson.

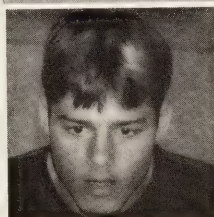


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*How important is your membership in this club?
What is your favorite club activity?*

Ryan Westveer



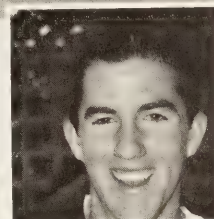
"(My membership is) very important to my skills as an accomplished Spanish student."

Alicia Prickett



"My membership is important to me because I like Spanish and it looks good on college applications. I like going out to eat dinner."

Marc Smith



"Sponsoring the blood drive for the American Red Cross was very important to the NHS because we helped those in need."

DECA members Jessica Cornish, Kwai Hopkins, Tarha White, Jason Zambanini and Heather Benson pose for a shot after giving their speeches and inducting new members at the induction ceremony. *Photo by Ashley Grant*



Heather Benson and Mrs. Corbin embrace for the camera after the ceremony. *Photo by Ashley Grant*

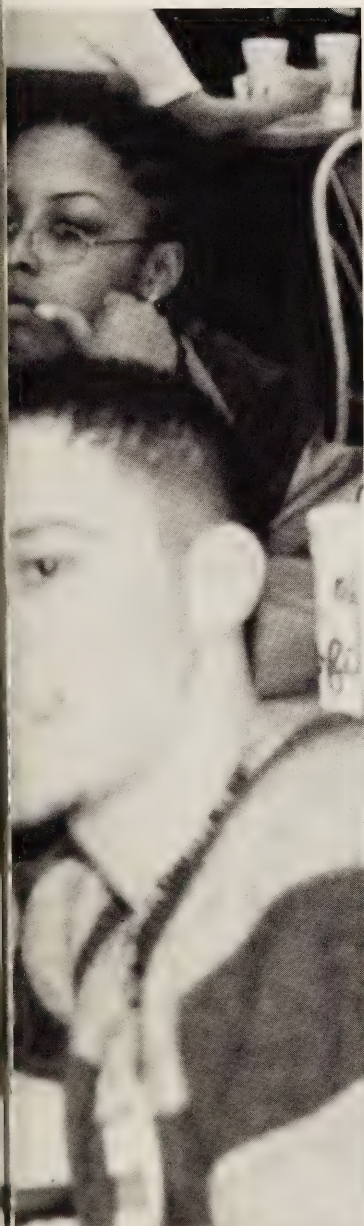
Tesherra Boxley, Tanisha Montague, and a student from Courtland High also participating in the DECA competition, hang out in Chic-Fil-A in the mall after the competition. *Photo by Ashley Grant*





William Donovan shopped with a friend after the DECA competition. "I don't like shopping, but there isn't anything else to do in the mall," says Donovan. *Photo by Ashley Grant*

Adrienne Hayden eagerly waits along with many others to cut the huge cake after the DECA ceremony. *Photo by Ashley Grant*



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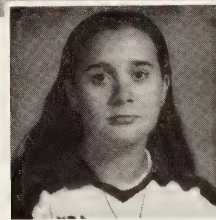
What was your favorite community service activity. How important do you believe these activities are?

Chante Schuler



"My favorite activity is making donations to children's hospital...I believe these activities are extremely important to help us remember to help the less fortunate, make an impact on the future, and just to simply make a child happier."

Clarice Leslie



"Stopping the drunk drivers at our school. These activities are very important because they actually show how much we (the students) care about the dangerous issues."

Elizabeth Erndle



"These activities (Harvest for Hunger) are very important because it teaches you how to become a more well-rounded person while bettering your community."

The cast of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" perform one of the play's songs. Photo by Erica Thomas.



Adjustments are made to the costume of actress Laura Nelson. "We spend so much time together, we're like one big family," said Nelson of her fellow drama club members. Photo by Jon Wassink.



Performing requires skill and dedication. What kept you motivated and going strong?

Natalie Nielson



"An audience! Drama especially because we can't have great performances without funding or support. The whole purpose is to put on a great show."

Jonathon Eastridge



"Ms. Kemp for being a great director and everyone for striving for excellence."

Jea McDonald



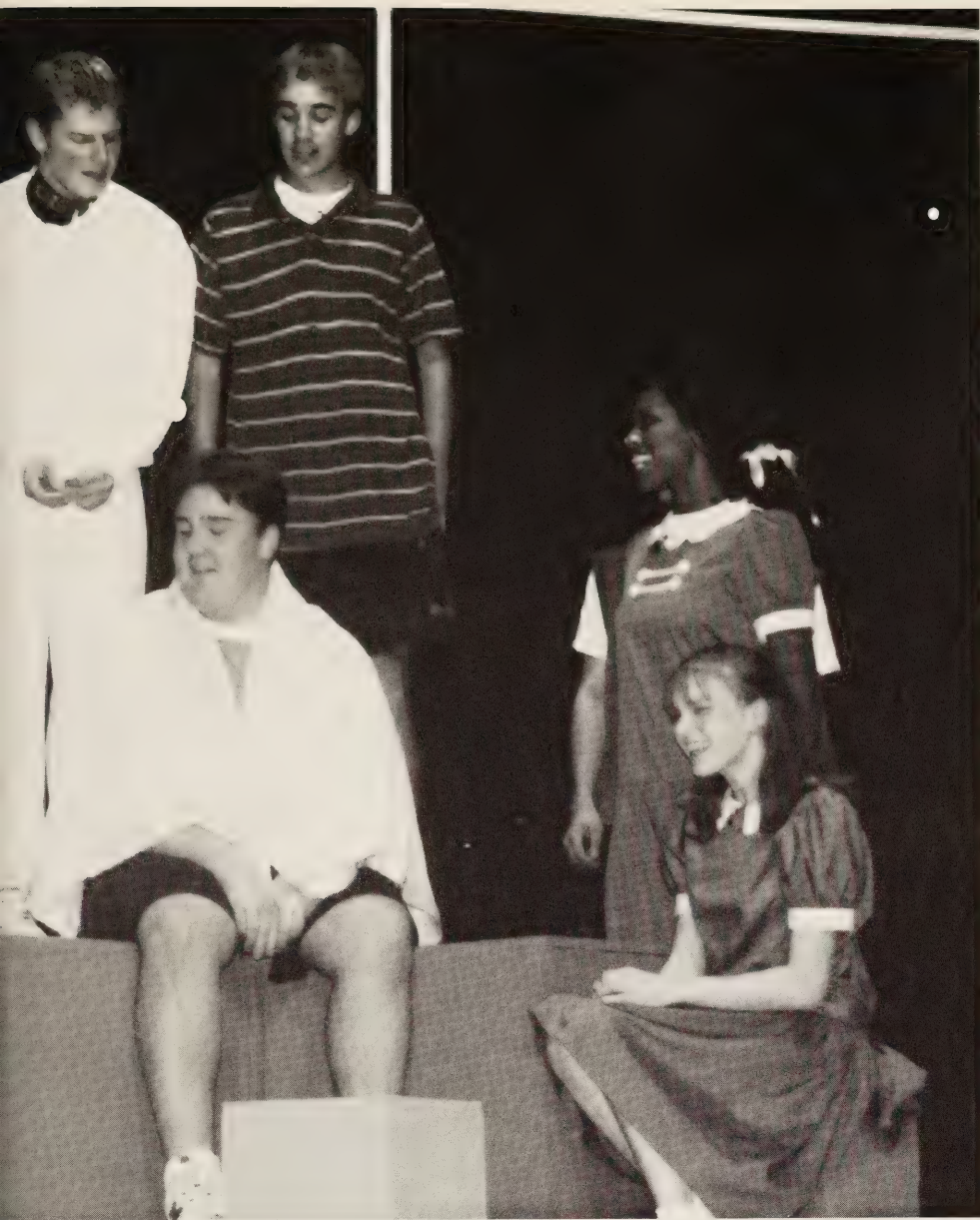
"We want to do our best and prove that we are good and that we look good."

Jenny Nielson

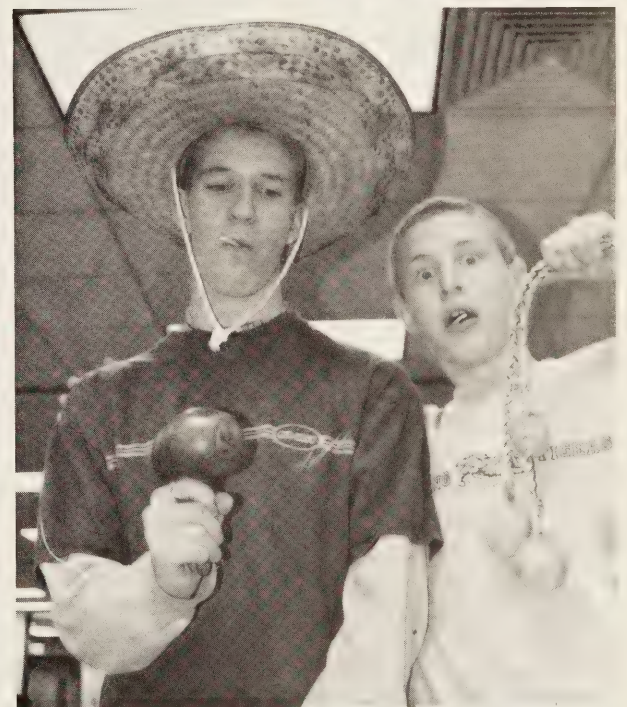
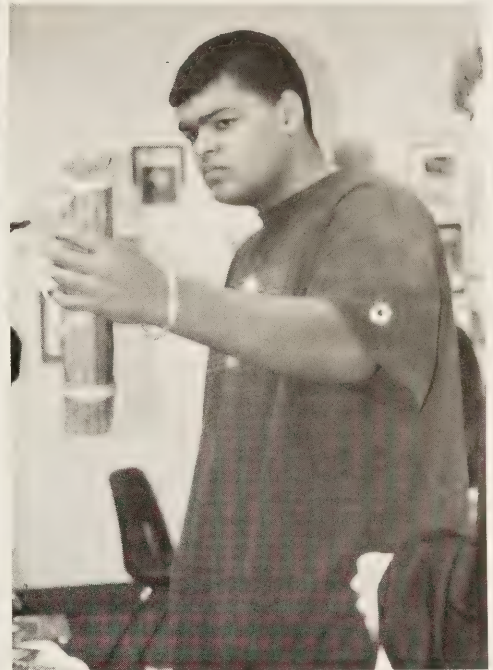


"Our drama club stays strong because everyone is very dedicated and supportive of each other. We're all really close."

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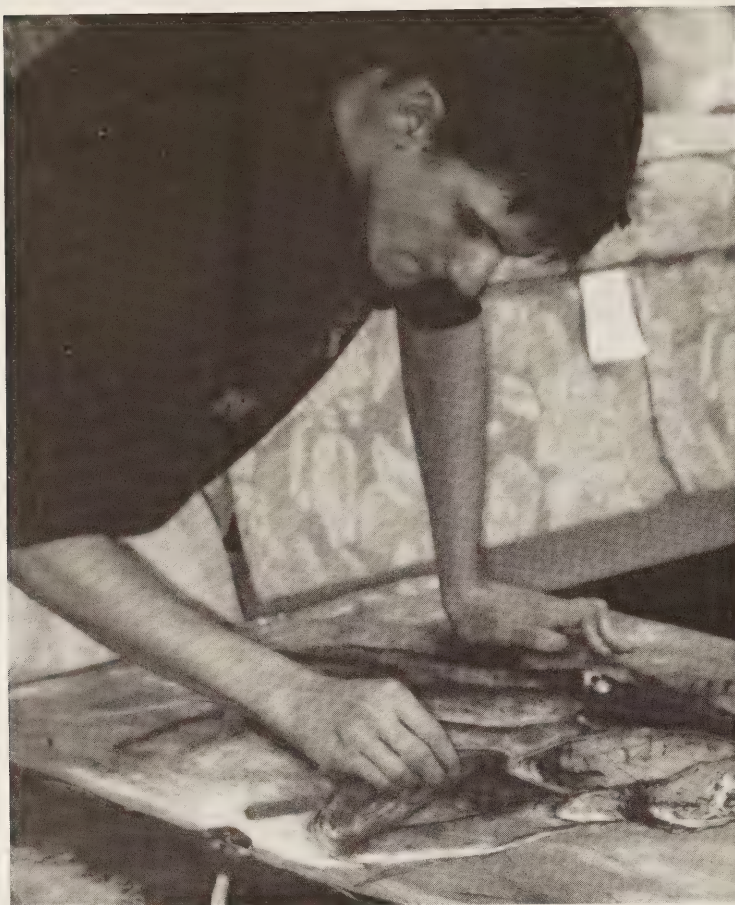
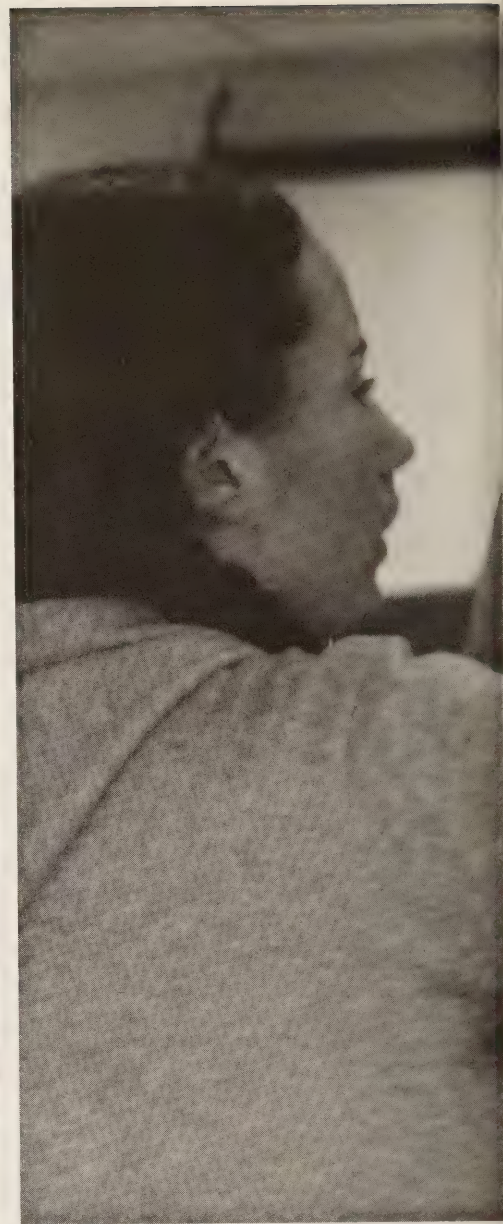
As a member of the International Club, students, get an opportunity to explore different cultures. John Sanchez inspects an artifact from a foreign country. *Photo by Cindy Tydings.*



Sporting a sombrero, Jeremy Hayes and peer Chris White display some aspects of the Mexican culture. *Photo by Cindy Tydings.*

Taking a well deserved break, Jeannie Payne and David Watson converse about the play. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

With a gentle wisp of her hand, Jamie Knapp corrects the tiniest imperfection in her artwork. Art not only takes patience, but also extreme patience. Photo by Erica Thomas



Staring intensely at his work, Adam Lepinsky adds the final touches to perfect his masterpiece. Photo by Erica Thomas

What was your favorite community service activity. How important do you believe these activities are?

Lenora Bowler



"My favorite was Kiss-A-Pig because we helped someone who was in need. It's very important because people know there's always someone who cares."

Sara Stulz



"Cutting the tree down to help needy children (was my favorite activity). As long as they benefit the community, I think it is very important."

Mandy Cabral



"Collecting canned goods and clothing for those in need (was my favorite activity). They are so important because if no one did these sorts of things, these people would have nothing."

Heidi Darmour



"I went to Thornburg Middle School to help the kids. They're (community service projects) so important because they help the community and teach us about responsibility."

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than
a thousand
WORDS...



Much dedication goes into the Art Honor Society. Mrs. Orr takes special time out with Ian Moon to perfect his art skills. *Photo by Erica Thomas*



Natalie Hahn concentrates and uses her patience to complete her amazing artwork. To put the finishing touches on her semester artwork project for Mrs. Richards' AP art class, she took time out during her lunch shift. *Photo by Erica Thomas*

"...The workshop that I was in helped me discover a new medium in art," said Elizabeth Sabu. The art skills learned at the workshop will stick with them through a lifetime of drawing. *Photo by Erica Thomas*



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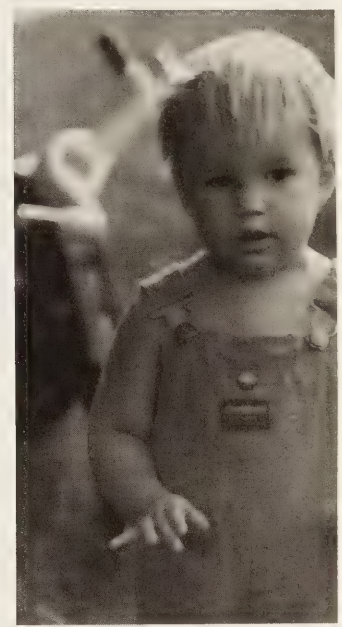
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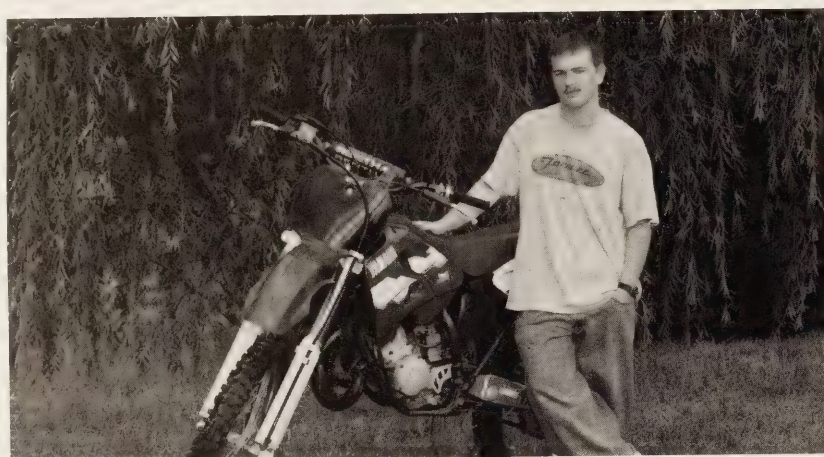
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Brian.*

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*Be a good, sweet maid,
and let who will be
clever.*

*Do noble things, not
dream them, all day
long,*

*And so make life, death,
and that vast forever.*

*One grand sweet song!
(I'm proud of you and
love you so! Mo)*

Congratulations to the top 25 of the Class of 2000!

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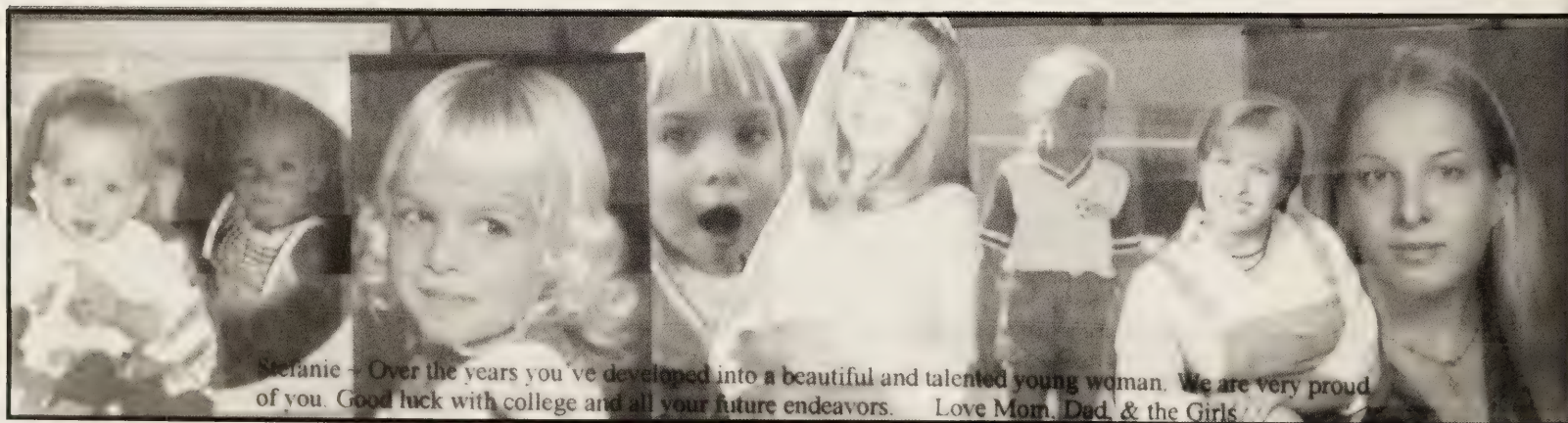
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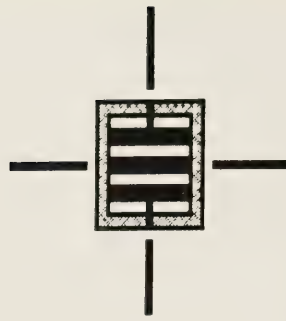
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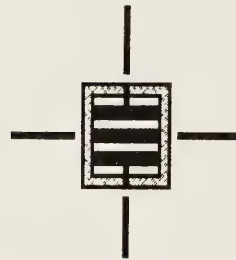


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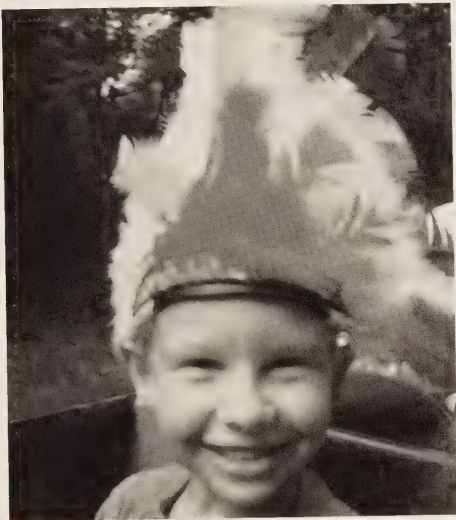
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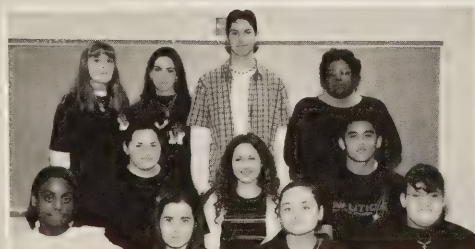
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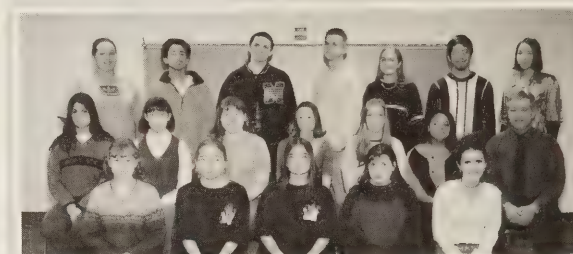
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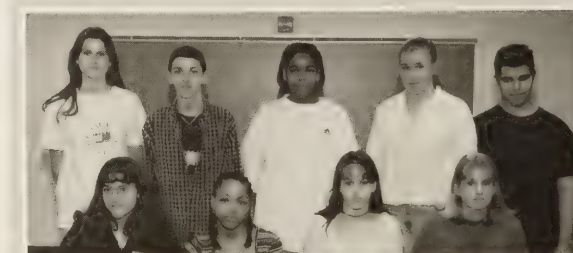
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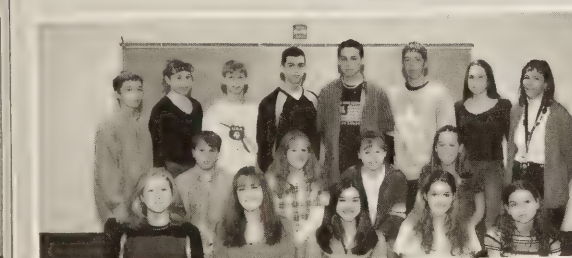
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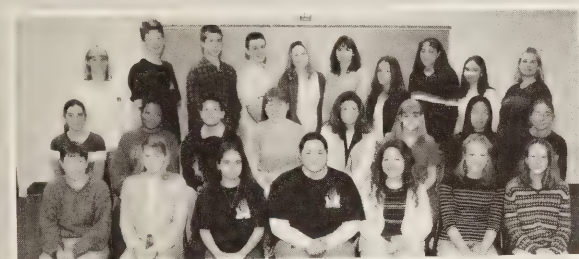
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Well, here it is. On April 11, the final corrections to Volume II were finally completed. We hope that you, the student body, enjoy the stories and moments of the past year that we captured and displayed on these 216 pages.

This year's staff consisted of 22 members of the student body. Six editors, three photographers, seven second-year members and six first-year members worked long and hard to bring you *get a LIFE*. As far as 'thank you's go, I'll try to make them short in length, but not in graciousness.

The first set of thanks goes to five seniors who made this book into what you see before you. They finalized each and every page, checking for the big errors - missing captions headlines and even pictures - as well as the little things such as periods, commas, spelling, and grammar. They put in many extra hours - evenings and weekends - usually without a complaint, in order to meet every deadline. They worked exceptionally hard to provide Massaponax the best yearbook possible. To Shannon, Matt, Robert, Jenn, and Floyd... I hope you enjoyed this year, and this book, as much as I did. May your futures be filled with happiness and great success as you go your separate ways. Maybe we'll meet again, maybe not, but at least we were able to "get a life" together.

The next debt of gratitude is owed to the photographers, Stevi, Jon and Justin, as well as the entire photojournalism class. After all, what is a yearbook without the pictures? From the Panther Pride on the senior window to B.J.'s sweet swish, you all gave us the photos we needed to make this book work. We are all grateful for the time and effort that each of you contributed.

Next is the staff, the whole reason we have a yearbook in the first place. I know that writing the stories was often a pain; but, go back and read the latter ones and see the progress you all made. Every single one of you was vital to the book's success and you should all take pride in its final production.

For Hunter, Casey, Allison and Becca, I hope you always remember this year and the energy you put into creating this book. Best wishes for bright futures. For Tricia, Mike, Mary, Jen, Jeanie, Jess, Sarah, Jo-Al, and Jenni - I hope you don't regret any of the time you spent on staff, because each one of you brought an individual set of talents vital to the book and each other. I hope to see as many of you as possible on next year's staff as we work on the trilogy.

And last, but in no way imaginable the least, thank you Mrs. Woodcock, a.k.a. Woody. You know that we only had good intentions and apologize for any and all of the unnecessary stress we gave you this year, most of which came from my fellow editors and me. If ever there was a typo, graphic mistake, or any other error in design, you helped us fix it and learn from our mistakes. You were the backbone of this book and we all thank you for your support and contributions. Not only a teacher, but also a dear friend, you taught us many things about design and about life that we can take with us in all walks. Thank you again, so much, from each and every one of us. We hope you enjoyed this past year, including the final product. It was definitely worth it.

To the student body: these people tried their absolute best to create a collection of photos and stories that you, for years to come, will be able to look back and reflect on. From the classrooms and hallways to the athletic fields and community, we shared our life experiences together. Every year we all strive to make Massaponax the best school it can possibly be. We believe we have documented those efforts on these pages. May each person, all 1400 of you, be blessed with happiness, today, tomorrow and for the rest of your lives.

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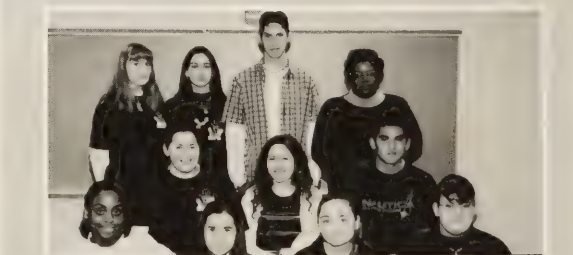
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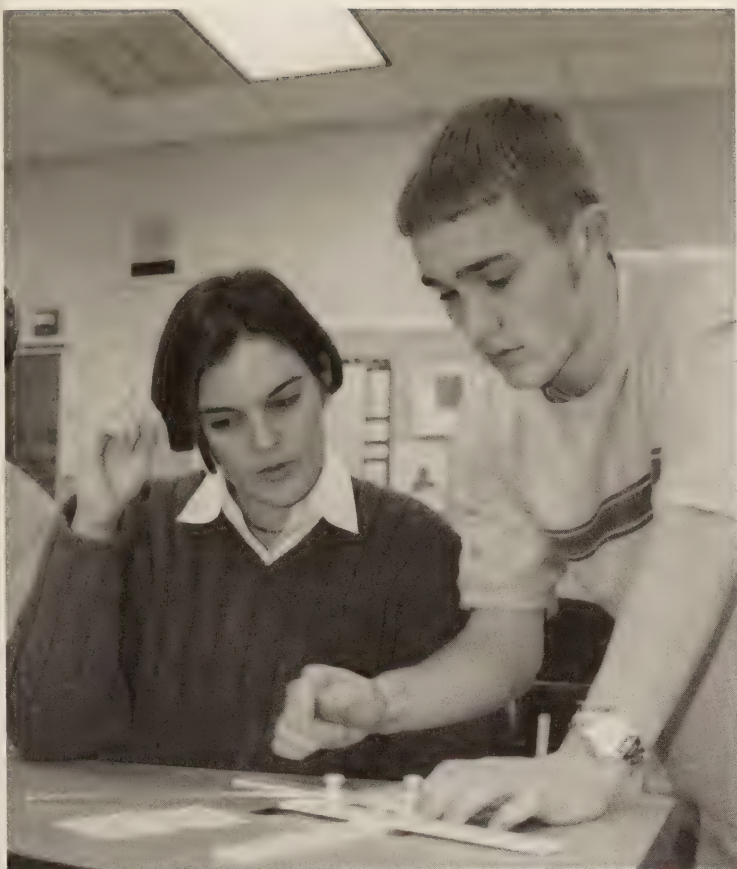
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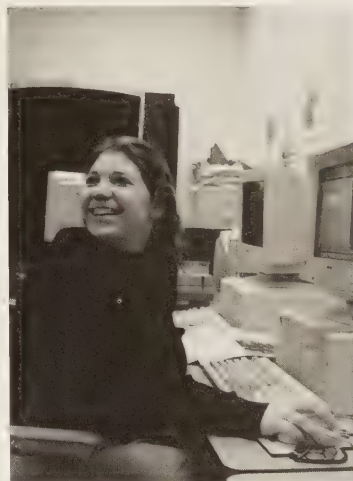


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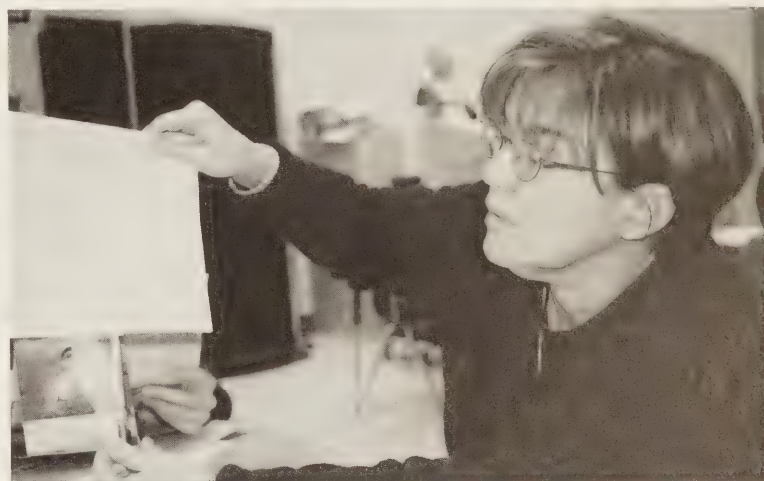
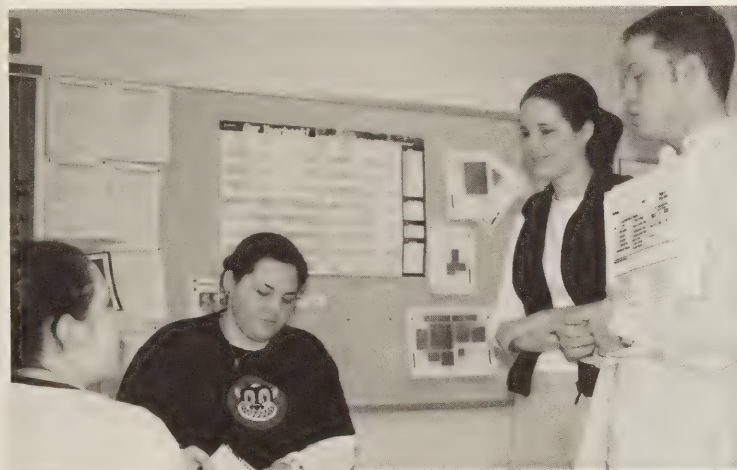


Crop 'til you drop. Editor-in-chief Randall Pierce helps first year staff member Becca Richards crop a photograph. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

Chatroom. People section editor Shannon Lally jokes with Glances staff members while working on her computer. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



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The neverending story. Staffers Jen Ziegler, Jen Klarman, and Sarah Moran make notes as Section Editor Rober Berry gives instructions. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*

The rule of thirds. Using a piece of blank paper, Adviser Sandy Woodcock demonstrates where to make crop marks to achieve the best result. *Photo by Jon Wassink.*



AND NOW A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"I hope you enjoy this yearbook as much as I do. The yearbook staff and their sponsor, Mrs. Woodcock, have worked very hard to give us a first-class product.

We all thank them for their tireless efforts.

Good Luck to the Class of 2000. May life be as good to them as they were to us here at Massaponax. We will miss you!"

— Joe Rodkey

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step-up

During halftime of a boys' basketball game versus Spotsy, step team members Destini Jones and Lenora Bowler perform one of their many routines.

"I was scared at first," said Jones, "because I thought I was going to mess up."

The step team was formed when a group of girls passed a petition that went around in December. The girls gave the petition, with about 40 signatures on it, to Mr. Rodkey who then took it to the school board for review. The school board then responded by stating the team needed sponsors. Mrs. Minor and Mrs. Corbin agreed to sponsor the girls, and so the step team was formed.

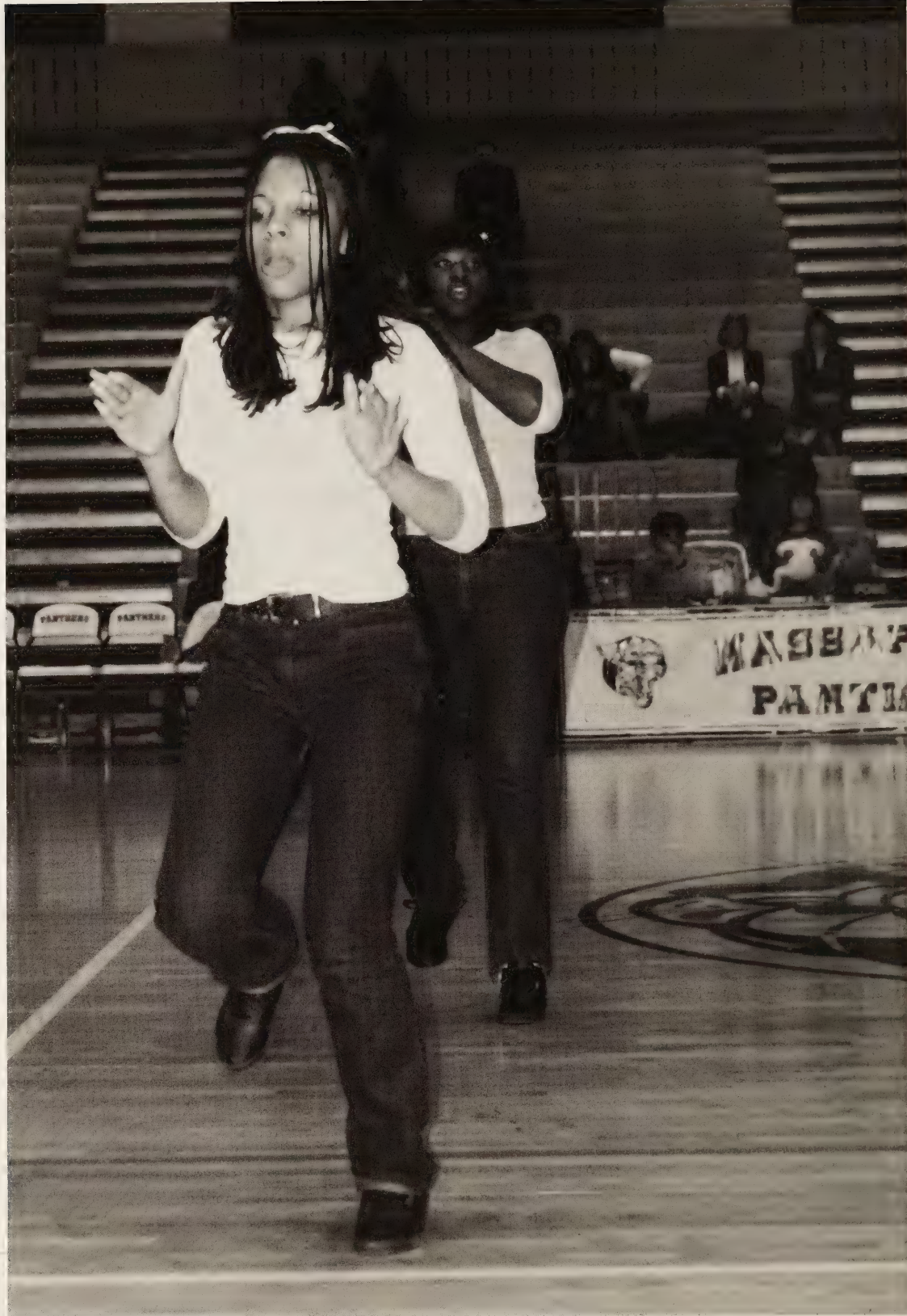
"We didn't really have any coaches," said team member Mary Yancey. "We mostly taught each other. There was a captain, LaToya Baker, and a co-captain, Allyson Burns. They taught us new steps and kept us focused and organized."

The step team practiced right after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Any day before a performance also required practice time. The girls started each session around 2:45 P.M. and ended around 5:30.

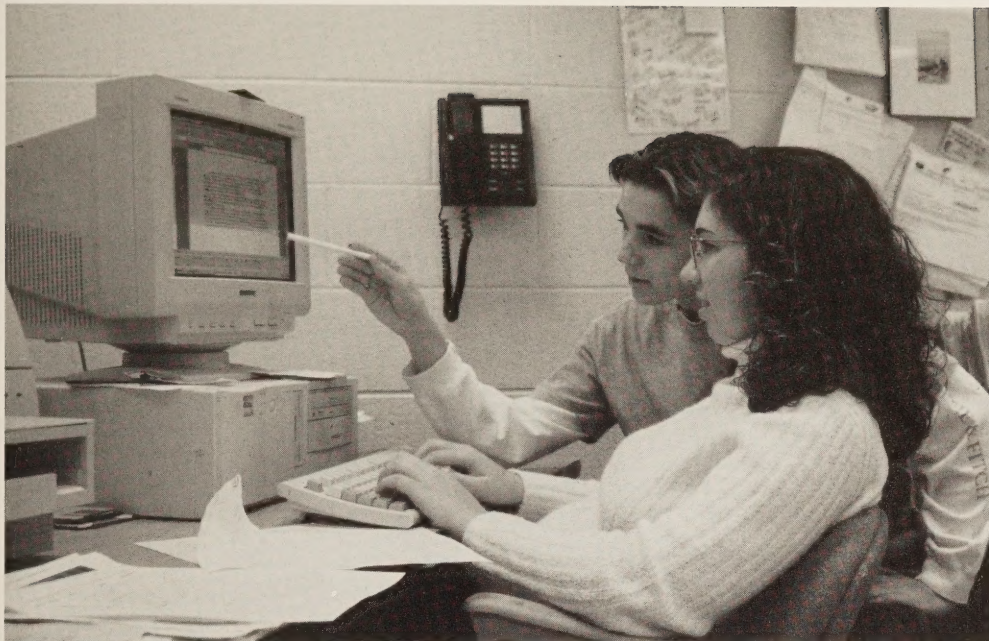
Performances ranged from routines at halftime shows to the winter sports awards pep rally. Students all over the school, many of whom had never seen the team perform before, were overly impressed with the steppers' routine at the pep rally. Even Jones was pleased with the girls' progress and looks forward to their future.

"I just started stepping this year, and it was a lot of fun," she said. "I plan on continuing [with the team] next year as a senior."

Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.



High school was sometimes tough, sometimes fun. In a sea of **faces**, we opened ourselves up to the infinite number of possibilities that **existed**. We had opportunity at our fingertips. **Numbers** marked our progress in the classroom and on the playing field. Interest and **effort** were expended in our group and club **activities**. But



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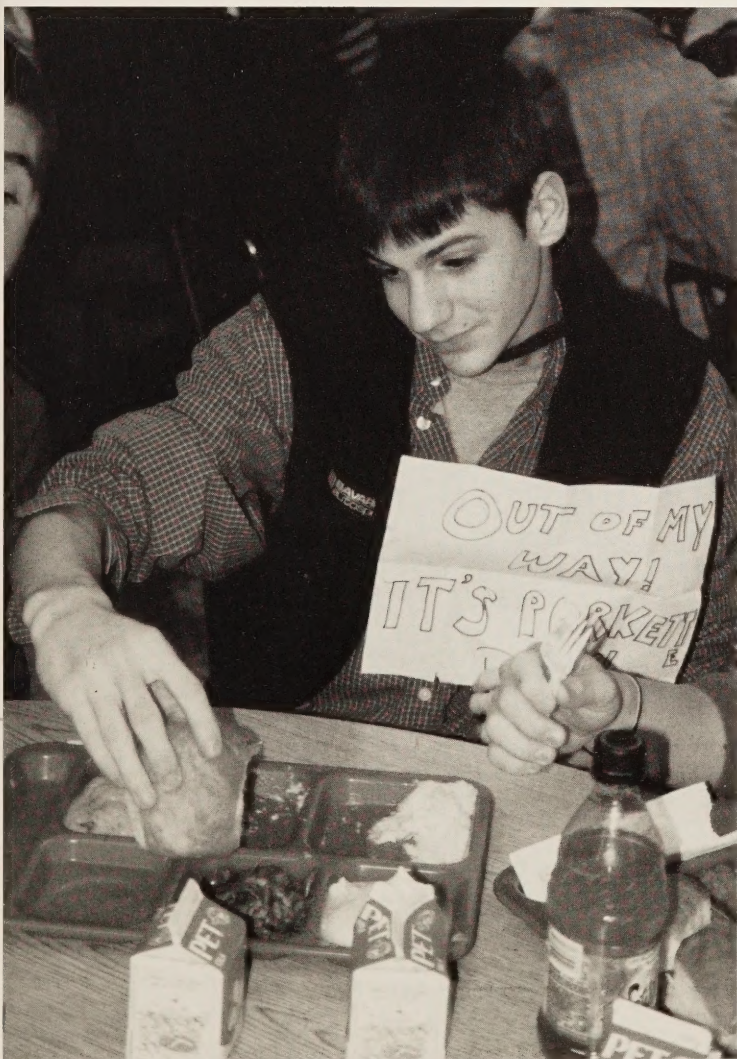
Working on final deadline yearbook pages, Hunter Nolan lends a hand to fellow staff member Allison Sapp. Nolan and Sapp, both seniors, put many hours and extreme effort into making *Glances* a memorable collection of the year's events.

"Our staff improved greatly from last year, and we were able to create a better book. Last year only one staff member had any experience, but this year most of our staff was experienced," said Sapp, one of the fifteen members who returned from last year's staff.

"Last year I was at Brooke Point, but when I came here I met up with my old friends from my freshman and sophomore years at Courtland. As for yearbook, it was cool because I was able to meet more of the student body through writing stories and interviewing people," said Nolan, who attended Brooke Point last year.

Staff members, numbering 22, worked every school day, some evenings and Saturdays to put together Volume II.

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seconds

Sitting down to a fresh, hot lunch, junior Adam Wisniewski lets his friends know what day it is on the lunch menu.

"Porkette Day? Definitely a double lunch. They're so good," said Wisniewski. "I always looked forward to porkette day. It's the best lunch ever."

Double lunch was popular among many students on days when porkette appeared as an option for their mid-day meal.

As for Wisniewski, he knew exactly how many at his table purchased a second helping.

"All of them. [Justin] Patton, James, Devin, Shin, Ian, Scotty, Kelvin, and I. We all got double lunch; every single time," Wisniewski said. Eight teenage guys, sixteen generous helpings of meat and mashed potatoes, and one homemade sign that explained it all.

"It was [Andrew] Shin's sign," said Wisniewski. "He would hold it up and run down the halls yelling 'Get out of my way! It's Porkette Day!'"

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we were more than just numbers, **interest** and effort; we were the **sum** of our parts. **High school** was sometimes tough, sometimes fun. This is the story of what we did to...

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follow-through

Extending his arms towards the basket, B.J. Sayles, senior point guard and Most Outstanding Player on the Boys' Basketball team, follows through on a free throw.

"[Coach Hince] would set up this drill where there would be one of us at each basket shooting free throws. He'd blow the whistle to start and we'd have to keep shooting until he said stop. Then we'd switch baskets and do it all over again," Sayles said. "Sometimes he would say we'd have to make a certain number [of free throws] before we could leave practice."

Practice certainly paid off as the Boys' Basketball team made a dramatic improvement from last year's 1-17 record. Sayles saw the team's maturing as a huge contribution to this year's 14-8 record.

"Last year was rough because everybody was new to each other and we had to learn a whole new system together. Since we had seniors on the team this year we had better leadership and we played better together, whereas last year we were younger and not as experienced," he said.

Sayles's own experience began at the age of seven when he started playing park and rec basketball in Spotsylvania.

"It was hard for me learning how to shoot, but dribbling came naturally to me," said Sayles of his early years.

His interest in the sport grew as he progressed through school. Sayles was a member of his middle school basketball team in seventh and eighth grade and the freshman and varsity teams at Chancellor before coming to Massaponax. As a junior, Sayles immediately gained a starting position and role as team leader, a role which he continued this year as a senior.

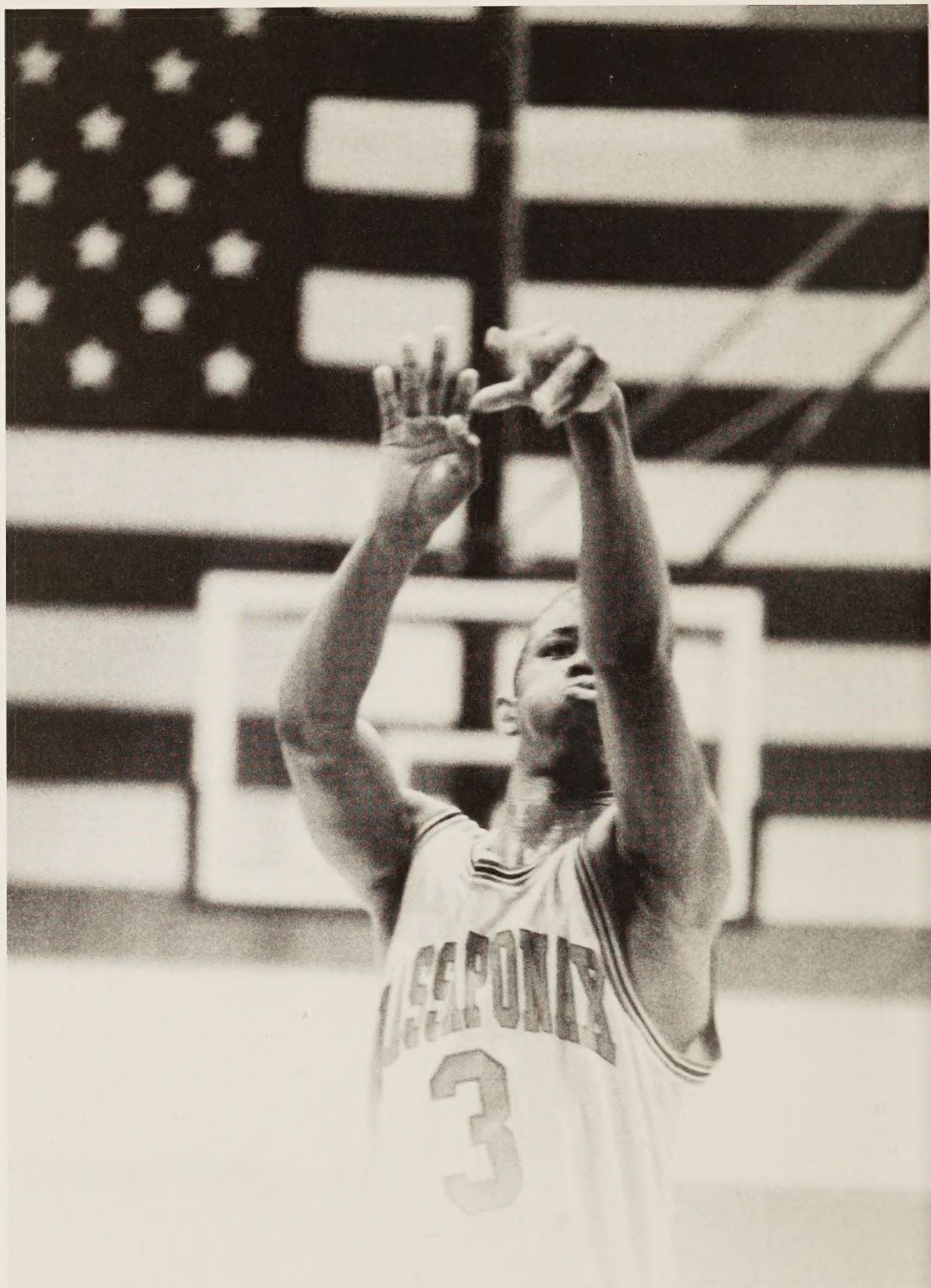
"Being a captain was difficult because I had to get everyone to listen to me, and I had to stay serious and focused even when the other guys were goofing off," he said.

Sayles, who was also a starting striker on the Boys' Soccer Team, decided to take his leadership and talents to Ferrum College in the fall where he planned to "follow through" on his education. However, he considered his years in high school to be fun and worthwhile.

"High school was hard at the beginning, but over time it became easier for me. I was able to meet new people and learn things that will be useful to me later in life," Sayles said.

Sayles and the rest of his senior peers that move on to lives after high school, will take with them the many experiences and lasting memories from the past four years that enabled each one of them to get a life.

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